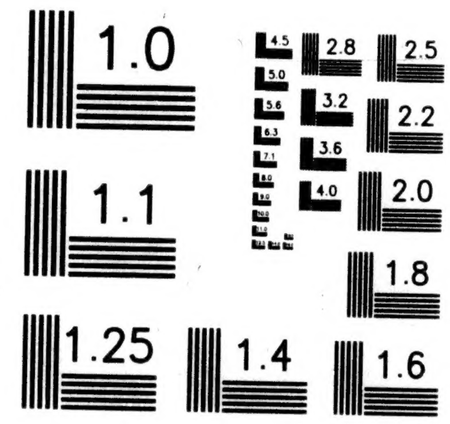
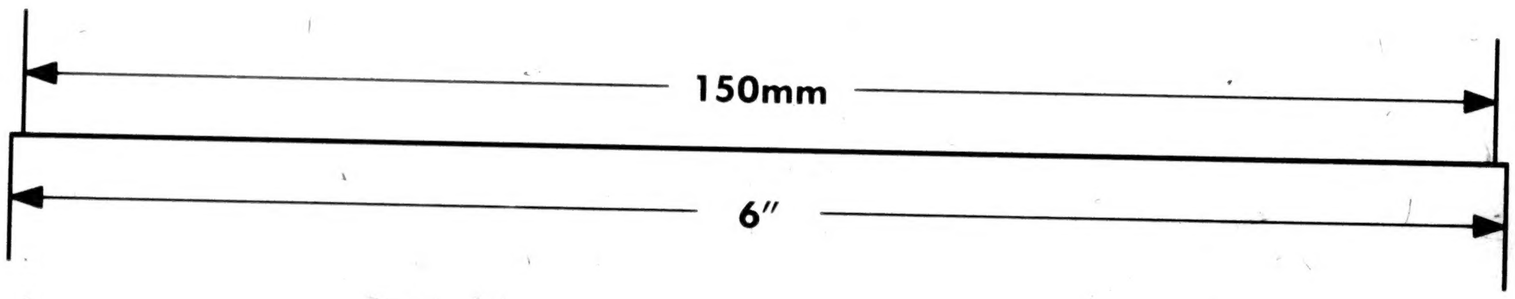

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INTRODUCTION

On the 23 rolls of this microfilm publication, M1901, are reproduced the records of the Arkansas field offices of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872. These records consist of bound volumes and unbound records, containing materials that include letters and endorsements sent and received, monthly reports, applications of freedmen for rations, and other records relating to freedmen's claims and homesteads. These records are part of the Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Record Group (RG) 105, in the holdings of the National Archives of the United States.

This film series completes the reproduction of all Bureau records created in Arkansas between 1865 and 1872. Many of these records were reproduced in 1975 in National Archives Microfilm Publications M979, *Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869*, and M980, *Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871*.

History and Organization

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. The Bureau's

operations began in Arkansas in May 1865, when Brig. Gen. John W. Sprague took command as Assistant Commissioner. By order of Commissioner Howard in Circular No. 5, dated May 30, 1865, he established headquarters at St. Louis, MO, the next month. Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord relieved Sprague in October 1866 and was succeeded by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith in March 1867.

When Sprague arrived in St. Louis, his jurisdiction encompassed areas outside Arkansas, including Missouri, Indian Territory, parts of Kansas (around Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott), and Illinois (around Quincy and Cairo). By September 1865, Commissioner Howard felt that the laws of Missouri afforded enough protection to freedmen for the Bureau's activities to cease there. On October 16, 1865, Sprague received orders from Commissioner Howard to transfer headquarters from St. Louis to Little Rock, Arkansas, and operations of the Bureau were by-in-large withdrawn from Missouri. However, in April 1867 Frederick. A. Seely was assigned as a disbursing officer for Missouri with headquarters at St. Louis, a position he held until February 1872. Although much of Seely's work related to the processing and payment of claims, he was also in charge of freedmen's affairs in Missouri. The headquarters remained in Little Rock until the Bureau's activities were terminated.

While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Arkansas, for example, included those with headquarters at Arkadelphia, Augusta, Batesville, Camden, Lewisburg, Devall's Bluff, Fort Smith, Hamburg, Hampton, Helena, Jacksonport, Lake Village and Luna Landing, Lewisville, Little Rock, Madison, Magnolia, Marion, Monticello, Napoleon, Osceola, Ozark, Paraclifta, Pine Bluff, Princeton, South Bend, Union, and Washington. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Arkansas subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "general Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

The Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas

The major activities of the Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas and Missouri generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and

freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

To prevent widespread starvation and destitution in Arkansas and Missouri, the Freedmen's Bureau issued some 1,705,055 rations to both blacks and whites from June 1865 to September 1866. In May 1865, prior to the Bureau's relief efforts in the Arkansas district, the Federal Government had issued 75,097 rations to refugees and 46,845 to destitute freedmen. After late October 1865, the Bureau's ration-relief efforts were discontinued in Missouri. Because civil authorities in the Arkansas district failed to provide medical assistance to the "destitute and starving," the Bureau, with assistance from Northern societies, established asylums, hospitals, and various kinds of relief camps. By the fall of 1866, with two commissioned medical officers, contract physicians, and male and female attendants, the Bureau had treated more than 100 refugees and over 1,500 freedmen. In late October 1866, Assistant Commissioner John W. Sprague reported that Arkansas hospitals alone had given medical aid to 3,260 people, nearly 200 of them freedmen. By the end of June 1868, Bureau hospitals in Arkansas had treated four times as many patients as in previous years, and greatly curtailed the attacks of smallpox and cholera.[1]

The regulation of written labor contracts between planters and freedmen was a major concern of the Bureau in Arkansas. In Circular Number 16, issued October 26, 1865, Commissioner Sprague outlined the rules governing the free labor system in Arkansas. Sprague ordered that all contracts in the Arkansas district were to be in writing with the approval of a Bureau official. Labor agreements were not to exceed 1 year, and no fixed rates were to be established. A 10-cent fee paid by the planter was required for each laborer. Generally, men could earn $16 per month, women $10, and children $6. First-class laborers could earn $20 per month, and received room and board, medical attention, and other essentials. In some cases, freedmen worked for a share of the crop. Whatever the agreement, subordinate Bureau officers were required to keep a record of labor contacts that they approved and witnessed, and freedmen were free to seek employment where they wished. Bureau officials often encouraged freedmen to give special consideration to employers who offered schools for their children.[2]

In response to Commissioner Howard's orders of July 12, 1865, concerning the education of refugees and freedmen, Assistant Commissioner Sprague appointed William M. Colby as general superintendent of refugee and freedmen schools. Colby was instructed "to cooperate with the state authorities and if possible work out a general system of education for those classes." Colby faced a great deal of opposition from southern whites who felt that freedmen taught by "evil emissaries from the North" encouraged social equality, an idea that they vehemently opposed. In spite of

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[1] Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874* (New York: 1923), pp. 205–207.
[2] House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1256, pp. 77 and 255.

this bitter opposition, however, Bureau officials in Arkansas furnished buildings for schools, and sent agents throughout the district to advise freedmen about education. From November 1865 to September 1866, working with such groups as the Indiana Friends and the Western Department of the American Freedmen's Aid Commission, the Bureau paid more than 30 percent of the cost for instructing freedmen in the alphabet, arithmetic, geography, and writing. By the summer of 1868, there were more than 30 teachers and over 1,000 pupils attending some 27 day and night schools. Some 118 teachers were instructing over 1,800 students in 24 Sabbath schools.[3]

In January 1869, Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith, then Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, reorganized the education branch into three districts, with an assistant superintendent for each, for the purpose of cooperating with State officials in the transfer of the Bureau schools to the State's system. William M. Colby, David C. Casey, and James T. Watson were appointed to these new positions. General Smith held the position of chief superintendent of education. The Assistant Commissioner's office was abolished in April 1869, and Commissioner Howard reappointed Colby as the superintendent of education on May 1, 1869. Colby held that position until July 1870. By that time the Bureau had turned over most of the schools to the State Board of Education.

When Commissioner Sprague established his headquarters in St. Louis, several benevolent societies had already begun work on the establishment of schools for freedmen in Missouri. In 1864, the American Missionary Society established a freedmen school at Warrensburg, and the Western Freedmen Aid Society (WFAC) assisted military officials in the education of freedmen at Benton Barracks. By the time disbursing officer Frederick A. Seely opened his office in Missouri in 1867, there were more than 1,000 students attending some 30 schools in St. Louis alone. Seely, however, did provide support and assistance to local groups in the construction of additional schools in St. Louis, Warrensburg, Kansas City, Westport, and Carondolet.[4]

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "black codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were directed to "adjudicate, either themselves or through officers of their appointment, all difficulties arising between negroes themselves, or between negroes and whites or Indians." In the Arkansas district, freedmen were tried in both provost

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[3] Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas,* pp. 207–210.
[4] Richard O. Curry, ed. *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction* (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1969), pp. 258–259.

courts and freedmen courts. Freedmen courts were used when Bureau officials determined that freedmen were being treated unjustly. A freedmen court consisted of a Bureau official and two citizens of a given county. The three-member court had jurisdiction over all matters involving labor disputes and other cases relating to freedmen and refugees that did not exceed $300, 30 days in prison, or a fine of $100. In October 1865, Sprague appointed civilian superintendents to administer justice, especially in instances where freedmen were denied the right to testify in courts. Superintendents were told to follow state court procedures and laws as long as the laws made "no distinctions on account of color." By summer 1866, despite continued allegations of mistreatment of freedmen, all cases except those relating to labor contracts were being handled by state courts or military authorities. In 1867, when reconstruction acts placed Arkansas under the fourth military district, both state and Bureau courts were put under military supervision.[5]

The Freedmen's Bureau in the Arkansas district sought, with limited success, to secure land for refugees and freedmen. It intended to establish freedmen on lands under its control that had been abandoned or confiscated. However, its efforts were nullified by President Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865, which provided pardons and the restoration of lands to Confederates who took an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. To minimize the impact of Johnson's Proclamation, the Bureau required that refugees and freedmen occupying land under cultivation be allowed to remain on the land until crops were harvested or just compensation was rendered. It also required that existing lease agreements be honored until they expired and that refugees and freedmen would not be moved from the land until arrangements could be made for them elsewhere. There was no complete effort to restore lands to their original owners in Arkansas until the Freedmen's Bureau was withdrawn from the State.[6]

The Southern Homestead Act (14 Stat. 66), approved by Congress on June 21, 1866, made available for public settlement 46 million acres of public lands in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Nine million acres of this Federal land was located in Arkansas. Because the Act specifically prohibited discrimination against applicants due to race, it offered an opportunity for Arkansas freedmen and others to become landowners. Generally, the Freedmen's Bureau, through "locating agents," assisted interested freedmen in finding plots, and provided them with 1-month subsistence, free transportation to their prospective tracts of land, and seeds for the initial planting. Despite his concerns that a large percentage of the Arkansas land was worthless and that many freedmen who were under labor agreements for the year would not be able to take full advantage of the Southern Homestead Act, Assistant Commissioner Sprague hired Dr. W. W. Granger as locating agent for Arkansas freedmen. By early summer 1867, Granger had located 1.5 million acres of

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[5] House Ex. Doc. No. 11, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial vol. 1255, p. 45; Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874*, pp. 211–215.
[6] House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., pp. 70–71.

land available for entry (application) and recommended more than 400,000 acres for settlement. By fall 1867, Granger reported that of the 243 tracts he had surveyed, freedmen had entered 116 of the 143 that were suitable for settlement. A total of 26,395 entries were made in Arkansas under the Southern Homestead Act during the 10 years of the Act's existence. Less than 11,000, however, were carried to completion. Of the approximately 250 freedmen who eventually made land entries, only 25 percent completed them. Whites made most of the entries in Arkansas, and many of the freedmen who sought land there came from Georgia.[7]

Records Description

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, and general orders and circulars received. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; amnesty oaths; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

List of Book Records of Officers

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Arkansas (no date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and

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[7] Paul A. Cimbala and Randall M. Miller, eds., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* (New York: Fordham University Press, 1999), pp. 73–77; see also Claude F. Oubre, *Forty Acres and a Mule: The Freedmen's Bureau and Black Land Ownership* (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State Univ. Press, 1978), p. 109.

the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the AGO volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

Offices of Staff Officers
CLAIMS DIVISION
The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–November 1866 (25), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The letters are to Bureau headquarters in Washington or to Bureau officers in Arkansas and relate to the processing of individual claims. The volume also contains orders sent to local citizens by the superintendent and agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated from April 1867 to April 1868.

Unbound letters and miscellaneous case papers, May–October 1866, are arranged chronologically.

CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER AND CLAIMS AGENT
The five volumes of press copies of letters sent, January 1869–January 1872, 1 (38), 2 (39), 3 (40), 4 (41), and 5 (42), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for each volume except 5 (42).

Unbound letters received, December 1868–December 1871, are arranged in four subseries. The letters dated December 1868–December 1869 are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically; those for 1870 are in two chronological series, letters from Washington, DC, and letters from claimants or attorneys in Arkansas; those for 1871 are arranged in one chronological series. There is no register or finding aid for these letters.

The single-volume register of claimants, July1866–October 1871 (43), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier and thereunder chronologically by the date the claim was forwarded to Washington, DC. The entries at the end of the register are arranged chronologically rather than alphabetically.

The single-volume register of claimants, 1868–71 (44), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant.

The single-volume register of claimants, February1868–October 1871 (113½), is arranged by the date the money relating to the claim was received in Washington, DC. This register gives only the date the payment was received by the disbursing officer, the name of the claimant, the amount of payment, and the date payment was received by the claimant.

Unbound miscellaneous records relating to accounting and disbursements, 1865–68, includes copies of letters sent (April 1868); monthly return of Bureau stores from the assistant quartermaster at St. Louis (September 1865); a quarterly statement of

articles received and expended in Dallas County (December 1866); specifications for a schoolhouse at Van Buren, Arkansas (no date); a contract for a schoolhouse at Batesville (December 1867); and an inventory and inspection report of the freedmen's hospital at Little Rock (January 1867).

Subordinate Field Offices

ARKADELPHIA (CLARK COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent, letters and orders received, and endorsements sent and received, July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–November 1868 (46), is arranged in three subseries: letters sent (July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–July 1868); letters, orders, and endorsements received (December 1866–October 1868; and endorsements sent and received (December 1866–November 1868).

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–May 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically and contains primarily complaints of freedmen regarding assaults, thefts, or violations of contracts. The register also includes the decision rendered in each case.

The two volumes of labor contracts, July 1865–January 1868, 1 (49) and 2 (50), are arranged chronologically. There is a name index in each volume.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1865–67 (48), is arranged generally chronologically. Later entries are not chronological.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–66, include affidavits, monthly reports of receipts and expenditures (1865), monthly report of condition of freedmen (August 1865), indentures of apprenticeship (1866), and circulars issued and received (1865).

AUGUSTA (WOODRUFF COUNTY)

The single volume of letters sent and endorsements sent, January–February 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, November 1865–August 1866, are arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, December 1865–September 1866 and January 1867–January 1868, 1 (52), and January–September 1866, 2 (53), are arranged by month. The entries in Volume 1 (52) include the name of the employer and employees and the rate or kind of compensation. The entries in volume 2 (53) contain the name of the employer and the number of freedmen he contracted to employ. Volume 1 (52) also contains fair copies of orders issued to local citizens by agent William Brian at Jacksonport (December 1867–January 1868). The orders direct the recipient to appear at the agent's office to answer freedmen complaints or enjoin planters and farmers from disposing of their crops until claims against them had been investigated and settled. Volume 2 (53) includes a few miscellaneous

entries relating to acts of violence committed against freedmen (September–October 1866)

Unbound fiscal and legal papers, 1865–66, are arranged by the type of record and include bonds, labor contracts, affidavits, and receipts for services rendered or goods produced.

BATESVILLE (INDEPENDENCE COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent, August 1866–December 1868, 1 (54) and 2 (55), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (54) was Capt. William Brian's letter book into which he copied his outgoing correspondence. (Brian was superintendent and agent at Batesville from July 1866 to February 1867.) Capt. Walter O. Lattimore, who succeeded Brian, copied his orders to local citizens in volume 1 (54) and his letters sent in volume 2 (55).

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound special orders and circulars, 1865–68, are arranged by type of issuance and thereunder chronologically. The orders and circulars were issued by the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas and by the Upper White River District relating to the Batesville office.

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, May–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.

Unbound court writs, summons, and other legal papers, 1866–68, are arranged chronologically. The records include a list of justices of the peace and probate judges of Independence County (1867) and a list of persons in Searcy County disqualified to register to vote (no date).

Unbound contracts, specifications, and plans of a freedmen school, 1867, are arranged by type of record.

CAMDEN (OUCHITA COUNTY)
Union County was added to the jurisdiction of the Camden office in October 1866, and Calhoun County was added in October 1867.

Within each volume of the two volumes of letters sent and received, October 1865–August 1868, 1 (56) and 2 (58), the letters sent precede the letters received. Each subseries is arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (56) contains only brief abstracts of the first few letters sent and received rather than the entire texts.

Unbound letters received, July 1865–July 1868, are arranged chronologically, and there appears to be little duplication with the two volumes of letters received mentioned above.

Within the single volume of endorsements sent and received and special orders and circulars issued and received, July 1865–October 1868 (59), the endorsements (arranged chronologically) precede the special orders and circulars (arranged chronologically as one subseries). The endorsements are dated September 1865–July 1868, and the orders and circulars are dated July 1865–October 1866. The full texts of several of the letters to which the endorsements are commentaries are copied into the volume.

Unbound general and special orders, March 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, 1867–68 (61), is arranged by year, thereunder by county, and thereunder numerically. The volume includes the name of employer and the number of black men, women, and children, male and female, employed.

The single-volume register of school children and register of attendance of school children, February–June 1867 (63), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first register gives the names of the parents and the name, sex, and ages of the pupils. The second register is a daily attendance record of pupils.

Unbound affidavits and depositions, January 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume monthly statements of accounts current and register of complaints, July 1865–June 1868 (62), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The accounts current are dated July 1865–March 1867, and the register of complaints is dated October 1867–June 1868. The register of complaints includes the name of the complainant, the person accused, the charge, and the decision made or action taken in the case. For September 1867 complaints, see pages 234 and 235 of volume 63 mentioned above.

Unbound fiscal papers of superintendents Lewis H. Carhart and Nathan Cole, July 1865–June 1866, are arranged chronologically and include monthly statements of accounts current and supporting vouchers.

LEWISBURG (CONWAY COUNTY)
The three volumes of letters sent, August 1866–March 1868, 1 (67), 2 (68), and 3 (69), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (68) contains two letters (dated February 19, 1867, and March 11, 1867), and neither is copied in volume 1 (67). Volume 2 (68) also contains miscellaneous quartermaster records of the Middle Military Division for 1864. Volume 3 (69) contains some loose documents that are copies of letters sent and drafts of memorandums and reports (March and July 1868).

Unbound letters sent, February–March 1866 and August 1867–December 1867, are arranged chronologically and are not duplicated in the three volumes of letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent and received, December 1866–March 1868 (66), is primarily a register of letters received. The entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically by the date of receipt. The entries are numbered consecutively by date of receipt regardless of alphabetic considerations. Some of the letters entered are copied in the single volume of letters received (65) mentioned below. Endorsements sent and received have been copied on 11 even-numbered pages (pages 4–22) in chronological order. This volume does not have an index.

The single volume of letters received, May 1866–March 1867 (65), is arranged chronologically and does not have a name index. Some of the letters for the period from December 1866 to March 1868 are registered in volume 66 mentioned above.

Unbound letters received, June 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Many of the letters are copied in volume 65 of letters received, and many of the endorsements are copied in volume 66 of letters received.

The single-volume special orders of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, May 1866–April 1867 (70), is arranged chronologically. On the last page of this volume, Captain Morgan (superintendent and agent for Lewisburg, Arkansas) listed the six duties of the office.

The single-volume labor contracts, amnesty oaths, and marriage certificates, January 1866–January 1867 (72), is arranged chronologically regardless of type of record.

Unbound oaths of amnesty dated February 1866 (6 items) are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The oaths of amnesty are the originals, and the texts were copied into volume 72 mentioned above.

Unbound affidavits, petitions, and labor contracts, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

DEVALL'S BLUFF (PRAIRIE COUNTY)

That part of Monroe County west of White River was under the jurisdiction of the Devall's Bluff agent. Woodruff County was added in October 1867.

The single-volume register of letters received, October 1865–October 1868 (73), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, January 1865–July 1868, 1 (75) and 2 (74), are arranged in chronological order. Volume 1 (75) also includes a register

of passes issued for railroad and river travel, March–May 1865. Volume 2 (74) includes six endorsements sent (May–July 1868), and a list of indentures (January–February 1867).

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, orders and circulars received, and accounts current, November 1865–October 1867, are arranged by type of record and chronologically.

FORT SMITH (SEBASTIAN COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent and received, March 1866–May 1868, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged chronologically, and Volume 1 (76) has a list of contents. For a list of contents of the time span October 1866–April 1867 of Volume 1 (77), see the single-volume register of labor contracts 1 (78) listed below. The letters received are dated March 1866–April 1867 and August–October 1867.

The unbound letters received, March 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Agents Thomas Abel (March–May 1866), Sebastian Geisreiter (May–August 1866), and Charles Banzaf (August 1866–May 1867 and August–October 1867) copied their letters received into Volumes 1 (76) and 2 (77). The other agents did not.

The single-volume register of labor contracts, March 1866–February 1867 1 (78), is arranged chronologically. This volume also includes a list of part of the contents (communications) in Volume 2 (77) for October 1866–April 1867 and a register of fees collected (August–November 1866).

The single-volume register of applications for restoration of property, register of marriages, and register of persons drawing rations, 1865–67 (80), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The register of applications for restoration of property is dated November 1865–August 1866; the register of marriages is dated November 1865–February 1867; and the register of persons drawing rations is dated May–July 1867.

The two volumes of registers of refugees issued rations, January 1865–June 1866, 1 (81) and 2 (82), are arranged chronologically. The registers give the name of the person, the number of rations issued, the cause of destitution, and other pertinent remarks. Pasted on many of the pages of Volume 1 (81) are applications for rations from white refugees dated May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of freedmen and refugees issued rations, March–May 1866 (83), is arranged chronologically. The register gives the name of the person drawing rations; date issued; the number of rations issued; county of residence; and such descriptive information as "widow, "blind man," freedman," or "orphan boy."

The single-volume register of rebel property in Scott, Sebastian, and Crawford Counties subject to confiscation (79) [no dates], is arranged by county and has a

name index of owners of the property. Included are names of witnesses and owner, location, and description and value of the property. Frequent notations indicate degree of sympathy and nature of participation of the owner in the service of the Confederate States of America and, if known, his present whereabouts.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–67, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. Included are retained copies of receipts for clothing (January–October 1867), monthly returns of quartermaster stores (October 1866–October 1867), abstracts of articles purchased (November 1866–March 1867), rations reports (April–June 1867), reports of destitute soldiers treated at Fort Smith Hospital (August–October 1867), orders received restoring property (October 1865–June 1866), applications for rations (July–August 1866), miscellaneous court papers and school reports (May–July 1867), and reports of persons and articles hired (August–December 1866).

HAMBURG (ASHLEY COUNTY)
In September 1868, the subdistrict field office at Hamburg was moved to Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–July 1868 (87), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, orders issued to local citizens, and monthly reports of operations, 1867–1868 (86), is arranged by type of record. The entries in the register (February 1867–December 1868) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder generally by date of receipt. The orders issued to local citizens are dated March 1867–January 1868, and the monthly reports of operations are dated January 1867–July 1868.

Unbound letters received, March 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. The letters received by agents Isaiah S. Taylor and George Towle (March 1866–July 1868) have been entered in Volume 86 mentioned above and are numbered in chronological order.

The two volumes of registers of complaints, April 1866–July 1868, 1 (88) and 2 (89), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (88) also includes a register of contracts sent from Hamburg (1866) and a register of marriages (1866). Volume 2 (89) contains four letters sent from Hamburg (April 1867 and February 1868), and a register of rations issued at Monticello, Arkansas (1865–66).

The single-volume register of contracts, 1867 (169), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer.

Unbound miscellaneous records, September 1866–July 1868, include rosters, indentures, retained copies of monthly accounts and land reports, monthly returns of quartermaster stores, and court papers.

HAMPTON (CALHOUN COUNTY)
In October 1867, Calhoun County was added to the jurisdiction of the agent at Camden.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, February–August 1867 (85), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1865–January 1867, include contracts, affidavits, court papers, and one letter received (January 1866).

HELENA (PHILLIPS COUNTY)
Unbound copies of reports, 1864–67, are arranged by type of report. Included are monthly reports of freedmen, reports of refugees and freedmen receiving rations, and reports of deeds.

The single-volume register of claimants, October 1869–June 1871 (90), is arranged chronologically by date vouchers were received. The register gives the name of claimant, the date vouchers were received, the company and regiment of the soldier, the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were signed and returned, the date money was received from Washington, the date the money was paid to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

JACKSONPORT (UPPER WHITE RIVER DISTRICT)
The single volume of letters sent, January 1866–March 1867 (95), is arranged chronologically.

The two volumes of letters received, March 1866–February 1867, 1 (91) and 2 (92), are arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, May 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are copied in volumes 1 (91) and 2 (92).

The single volume of circular letters issued, April 1866–January 1867 (99), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound court papers and vouchers, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

The two-volume register of contracts and accounting records of Capt. W. W. Willis, superintendent of freedmen, mouth of the White River and St. Charles, is dated May–June 1865, 1 (132) and 2 (133). Volume 1 (132) contains the register of contracts and a list of freedpeople in the camp. Volume 2 (133) shows not only the money received and expended by Willis, but also that it was credited to the freedmen.

JACKSONPORT (JACKSON COUNTY)

The three volumes of letters sent, July 1865–May 1868, 1 (94), 2 (96), and 3 (97), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (96) also contains a register of funds received from contracts and other sources dated August 1865–April 1866 and memorandums relating to settlements dated August 1866.

Unbound press copies of letters sent, August–September 1866, are arranged chronologically and were not copied in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent mentioned above.

The single-volume register of letters received, March 1867–July 1868 (93), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The volume has a name index.

Unbound letters received, January 1867–July 1868, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The letters are registered in Volume 93 mentioned above.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, August 1865–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single volume of special orders, circular letters, and letters of instruction received, April 1866–January 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters sent, reports, affidavits, and court papers, August 1865–January 1867, are arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated August–September 1865 and May 1866 and are partially duplicated in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of marriages, 1865–68 (101), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated August 1865–February 1867 and is arranged chronologically. Interfiled with the contracts issued at Jacksonport are registers of contracts made at Batesville, Augusta, Franklin, and Powhattan in September 1865. The register of marriages is dated November 1865–August 1868 and is arranged chronologically with the exception of November 1865–July 1866, which follows July 1866–August 1868.

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (100), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains reports of receipts and expenditures by the provost marshal at Jacksonport (under Department of Arkansas, May–October 1865).

LAKE VILLAGE AND LUNA LANDING (CHICOT COUNTY)
This office was located at Columbia in 1868.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (103) and 2 (106), cover the period July 1866–June 1868. The letters within each volume are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (103) is dated January–December 1866 and July 1867–June 1868. Volume 2 (106) is dated January–July 1867. There is a name index for the 1866 letters in Volume 1 (103). The letters for 1866 include both letters sent and received.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–February 1868 (102), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes a few endorsements and correspondence dated November 1867 relating to a black pauper named Daniel Cooper.

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, January 1867–January 1868, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume register of contracts and register of major landholders, April 1867–August 1868 (104), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is arranged chronologically. The register of landholders is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the landholder and consists of the name of the person and the agent's remarks or opinions concerning him.

The two volumes of accounting books of Fawnwood Plantation, 1 (171) and 2 (105), cover the period 1865–67. Volume 1 (171) is dated 1865–67, and Volume 2 (105) is dated 1867. The volumes consist largely of lists of goods given to employees and presumably deducted from their wages.

LEWISVILLE (LAFAYETTE COUNTY)
The single volume of press copies of letters sent, November 1866–July 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters sent, July–September 1867, are arranged chronologically. They are not duplicated in Volume 109.

The single volume of endorsements sent and received, June 1867–March 1868 (107), is arranged chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1867–January 1868 (108), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

Unbound letters received, July–December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in Volume 108.

Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of complaints, July–November 1867 (110), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound miscellaneous records dated September 1866–February 1868 include retained copies of narrative reports, orders received, affidavits, and court papers.

LITTLE ROCK (PULASKI COUNTY)
The single-volume register of press copies of letters sent, January 1867–April 1868 (112), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements received and sent, April 1867–October 1868 (111), is arranged chronologically. The last entry in the volume is dated October 29, 1868.

Unbound letters and orders received, December 1865–October 1868, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of claimants, April 1866–May 1868 (113), is arranged chronologically by the date the claim was received. The register includes name, address, and company of claimant; nature of claim; and date claim was forwarded. The claims relate to pension, bounty, and pay arrearages.

The single-volume register of marriages, 1864–66 (121), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the husband.

The single-volume register of freedmen employed on plantations, 1865–66 (120), is arranged by name of employer and has a name index of employers.

The three volumes of employment registers, 1 (116), 2 (117), and 3 (118), cover the period 1864–65. Most of these records were created before the establishment of the Bureau. Volume 1 (116) is primarily a register of employed blacks. It also contains many miscellaneous series such as a list of freedpeople at the mouth of the White River (February 1, 1864), accounting records, a register of deaths at Freedmen's Home Farm (June–July 1864), and a register of passes issued to freedpeople. Volume 2 (117) is a register of employees of freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer (January–February 1865). Volume 3 (118) is a register of employed freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the freedman. This volume is dated August–November, but there is no indication of the exact year, although it is probably 1865.

The single-volume of miscellaneous registers and memorandums (114) covers the period 1864–65. Included in the volume are registers of rations issued, a register of

transportation furnished to refugees and freedmen, and memorandums relating to complaints.

Unbound leases, miscellaneous court papers, and reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. Included are land reports (August and September 1866, and January 1868); reports of destitute soldiers treated at a Little Rock hospital (January–February 1867); a roster (July 1865); and accounts current (February–September 1865).

The single volume of miscellaneous registers relating to Home Farm at Little Rock (115) covers the period January 1865–February 1866. Included in the volume are accounting records, lists of people in camp, and registers of rations issued.

The single volume of miscellaneous accounting records of Home Farm, November 1864–February 1865 (119), is arranged by name of freedman and has a name index.

LITTLE ROCK (SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN)
The single volume of letters sent and circulars issued, January–April 1864, October–November 1864, May 1865, and July 1865 (36), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes an unidentified accounting record.

Unbound letters and orders received, January 1864–September 1865, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

The single-volume special orders issued, January 1864–October 1865 (37), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound narrative school reports from teachers and superintendents of freedmen's schools, December 1864–June 1865, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from teachers and from Joel Grant, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Little Rock, and Lovejoy Johnson, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Helena.

Unbound retained copies of reports, reports received, and miscellaneous papers, 1864–65, are arranged by type of record. The retained copies of reports include narrative reports (March–August 1865) and ration reports (July and September 1865). The reports received from subordinates are dated July 1864–September 1865. Many of the miscellaneous papers relate to the Home Farm.

MADISON (ST. FRANCIS)
The single volume of letters sent, April 1867–March 1868 (123), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, April–August 1867 (122), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of marriages (May and August 1867) and names and addresses of claimants (1867).

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1867–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 122.

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–April 1868 (124), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of contracts (May–November 1866) and copies of certificates of marriages (June–November 1866).

The single-volume register of contracts, April 1867–July 1868 (125), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound narrative reports, affidavits, and court papers, 1867–68, are arranged by type of record.

MAGNOLIA (COLUMBIA COUNTY)
Unbound letters received and affidavits of freedmen, May 1866–April 1867, are arranged by type of record.

MARION (CRITTENDEN COUNTY)
The three volumes of letters and endorsements sent, June 1867–December 1868, 1 (127), 2 (128), and 3 (129), are arranged chronologically and there is a list of contents in each volume.

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–October 1868 (126), is arranged chronologically and has a list of contents.

The single unbound letter received is dated October 21,1867.

MONTICELLO (SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)
The single volume of letters sent, July 1865–December 1866 (131), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains special orders issued (August 1865–December 1866, circular letters (July 1865 and May and July 1866), and summaries of cases tried (May 1866).

The single volume of letters received, August 1865–December 1866 (130), is arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, October 1865–January 1867, are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of contracts for Bradley County, January–March 1866 (168), consists of two registers, both of which seem to have the same title. One register is arranged chronologically by date the contract was filed. The second register is arranged numerically by the number of the contract. This volume also contains a list of indigent families, most of who seem to be soldiers' families.

Unbound court papers and reports are arranged by type of record. The records include land reports (October 1865 and January 1866) and financial reports (August–September 1865).

MONTICELLO (DREW COUNTY)
Unbound reports, 1866, include accounts current, land reports, and ration reports.

NAPOLEON (DESHA COUNTY)
The two volumes of letters sent, April 1867–December 1868, 1 (135) and 2 (136), are arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received, April 1867–February 1868 (134), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

Unbound letters and orders received, June 1866–March 1868, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are entered in Volume (134).

The single-volume register of contracts and register of complaints, 1866–67 (137), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated December 1866–April 1867, and the register of complaints is dated February–November 1867.

Unbound miscellaneous records cover the period January 1866–January 1868. The records include marriage certificates, census reports, narrative reports, accounts, court papers, and a census report of freedpeople at the mouth of the Red River (1864).

OSCEOLA (MISSISSIPPI COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and register of claims, marriages, contracts, and indentures, 1866–68 (138), is arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated July 1868; the register of claims, October 1866; the register of marriages, April 1866–February 1867; the register of contracts, January–October 1867; and the register of indentures, May–June 1866.

The single-volume register of complaints, March 1867–June 1868 (139), is arranged chronologically.

OZARK
The single-volume register of destitute citizens of Franklin and Johnson counties issued rations, June 1866 (140), is arranged by county and thereunder numerically. The register gives name, color, and cause of destitution. Rations were issued in compliance with Special Order 54 of the Assistant Commissioner.

PARACLIFTA (SEVIER COUNTY)
In April 1867, the office was moved from Paraclifta to Rocky Comfort. The officer was also responsible for Bureau affairs in Little River County.

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, December 1866–December 1867 (177), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters sent are dated December 1866–December 1867, and the register of letters received is dated June–October 1867. Also included is a list of contents of letters sent.

The single volume of letters sent, December 1867–October 1868 (179), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1867– May 1868 (178), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, April 1867–March 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and includes special and general orders.

The single-volume register of marriages, copies of indentures, and register of purchase vouchers issued, 1865–67 (181), is arranged by type of record. The register of marriages is dated December 1865; the indentures, December 1865–January 1866 and January–February 1867; and the register of vouchers, June–August 1867.

The single-volume register of complaints dated January 1867–July 1868 (176) is arranged chronologically and includes a list of employed freedmen (July–December 1865).

The single-volume register of employers and employees (182) [no dates] is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employee or employer. The register gives the name of the employer or employee and number of contract.

PINE BLUFF (ARKANSAS RIVER DISTRICT)
The Arkansas River District comprised the counties of Pulaski, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas, and parts of the counties of Monroe and Desha.

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–May 1867 (144), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains letters sent by the agent at Pine Bluff (March–May 1867).

Unbound letters and orders received, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

PINE BLUFF (JEFFERSON COUNTY)
The two volumes of press copies of letters sent span the period January 1866–July 1868. Both are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index. Volume 1 (143) includes letters from January to May 1866 and from January to

July 1868. Volume 2 (145) includes letters from May 1867 to December 1867.

The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (146), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of contracts, February–April 1864 and January–June 1865, and records of the contraband camp at Pine Bluff, February–September 1866, which include lists of persons and employees at the camp and the amount of rations issued.

The two volumes of endorsements sent cover the period January 1866–December 1868, with gaps. Volume 1 (142) is dated January–September 1866 and July–December 1868 and is arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (141) is dated September 1866–July 1868. From March to May 1867, the endorsements are arranged chronologically and include some endorsements received. From May 1867 to July 1868, the entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically, and include abstracts of letters that were filed among the letters received and not sent from the office. Volume 2 (141) also includes endorsements sent by the general superintendent of the Arkansas River District at Pine Bluff for September 1866–March 1867.

Unbound letters received, March–October 1866 and March 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 2 (141).

The single volume of special orders received, October 1865–July 1868 (147), is arranged chronologically and is incomplete with many gaps.

The single-volume register of marriages, March 1864–July 1865 (151), is arranged chronologically and some of the names in the register are also in Volume (150) mentioned below.

The single volume of copies of marriage certificates, December 1864–June 1867 (150), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The last part of the volume, September 1866–June 1867, is a register of marriages rather than copies of the certificates.

The single-volume register of abandoned property, 1864–67 (149), is arranged by name of former owner and has a name index. The register gives a description and location of the property and notations as to when it was restored and by what authority. Many entries include accounts of rent received.

The single-volume "Record and Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation covers the period February–December 1867 (148). The records include a daily time and attendance report for all persons working on the plantation, daily reports of weather and work completed, and reports of amount of cotton picked and shipped.

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1864–68, are arranged by type of record. The records include special orders and circulars received (October 1865–November

1868), retained copies of ration reports (March 1866–December 1867), ration reports of patients in the freedmen's hospital (June–November 1867), land reports (March 1866–March 1868), and rosters (March–October 1866). There are also school reports (December 1866–July 1867), reports of persons and articles hired (July 1866–November 1867), estimates of funds (May–September 1866), and court papers and bills of lading (1864, 1866–68). In addition, there are accounting records dating from December 1864 that were created by S. W. Mallory as superintendent of freedmen for the Freedmen's Department.

PRINCETON (DALLAS COUNTY)
The single volume of contracts and monthly statements of property, 1866–68 (170), is arranged by type of record. The contracts are arranged by year (1866 and 1867) and thereunder numerically. There is a name index to the contracts. The monthly statements are arranged chronologically (July 1867–December 1868).

SOUTH BEND (ARKANSAS COUNTY)
From 1866 until February 1867, the office was at Auburn; from February to July 1867, at Fair Dale; and from July 1867 to July 1868, at South Bend.

The single volume of letters sent, February 1867–July 1868 (153), is arranged chronologically.

The single-volume register of letters received covers the period January–August 1867 and November 1867–March 1868 (152). From January to August 1867, the entries are arranged and numbered in chronological order. From November 1867 to March 1868, they are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent, and thereunder arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries frequently include copies of endorsements sent and received.

Unbound letters received, February–August 1867, are arranged and numbered according to their entry in Volume 152. There are also some unregistered letters (November 1867–May 1868).

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, October 1867–July 1868 (154), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of claimants (1866–67) arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the soldier, but there are entries only for A–D.

The single volume of proceedings of cases dated November 1867–April 1868 (155) is arranged chronologically.

UNION (FULTON COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January 1867–September 1868 (156), is arranged by letters sent and register of letters received and thereunder chronologically. There are indexes for both the letters sent and for the registers.

Unbound letters sent and retained copies of reports, June 1866–June 1867, are arranged by type of record. Most of the letters and reports are copied in Volume 156.

The single volume of letters sent, October–December 1868 (158), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

The single-volume register of letters received, October–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1866–November 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most are entered in Volume 157.

WASHINGTON (SOUTH WEST DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS)
The single volume of letters sent, January 1865–March 1867 (161), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of letters received at the South West District, September 1866–March 1867 (159), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of letters received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March 1867–September 1868, arranged chronologically.

Unbound letters received, September 1866–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the letters are copied in Volume 159.

The single volume of special orders received at the South West District, November 1865–December 1867 (164), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains orders received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March–December 1867.

Unbound special orders and circulars received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the orders are copied in Volume 164.

WASHINGTON (HEMSTEAD COUNTY)
The single volume of letters sent and orders issued to local citizens, February 1866–March 1867 (160), is arranged chronologically. The section of letters sent covers the period February–October 1866, and that of orders issued to local citizens covers the period October 1866–March 1867.

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (162) and 2 (163), cover the period March 1867–August 1868. The letters in both volumes are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (162) is dated March 1867–August 1868, and Volume 2 (163) is dated November 1867–January 1868. There are only a few letters in Volume 2 (163); all are addressed to officials in Hemstead County and do not appear to be duplicated in Volume 1 (162).

Unbound letters and orders received, April 1867–September 1868, are arranged chronologically. Some letters are entered in Volume (159), and some orders are entered in Volume 164.

The single-volume register of contracts, November 1866–September 1867 (165), is arranged numerically.

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1866–February 1868 (166), is arranged chronologically.

The single volume of marriage certificates, October 1865–February 1867 (167), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of indentures (December 1865) and an undated list of people delinquent in payments to workers.

Unbound accounts current, marriage certificates, court papers, and teachers' school reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The accounts current are dated July–September 1865. Some of the marriage certificates are copied in volume 167.

Related Records

In the same record group, RG 105, and related to records of the Bureau's field offices for Arkansas, are those of the Bureau headquarters in Washington, DC, and previously microfilmed records of the Assistant Commissioner and the superintendent of education for Arkansas. These record series are available in the following National Archives microfilm publications:

M742, ***Selected Series of Records Issued by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,*** **1865–1872**

M752, ***Registers and Letters Received by the Commissioner of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872***

M803, ***Records of the Education Division of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M979, ***Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1869***

M980, ***Records of the Superintendent of Education for the State of Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1871***

M1875, ***Marriage Records of the Office of the Commissioner, Washington Headquarters of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1861–1869***

Records in other record groups supplement those of the Assistant Commissioner. In Records of United States Army Continental Commands, 1821–1920, RG 393, are records of the military district that included Arkansas and Missouri. Records relating to employment and welfare of freedmen and abandoned property before the establishment of the Bureau are among Records of Civil War Special Agencies of the Treasury Department, RG 366. The records of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, 1865–1874, in Records of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, RG 101, contain information relating to former slaves who maintained accounts with the bank branches at Arkansas and Missouri.

There have been numerous books, articles, and dissertations published about the Freedmen's Bureau and its operations. For general background, see Paul S. Pierce, *The Freedmen's Bureau, A Chapter in the History of Reconstruction* (Iowa City, IA: 1904); George R. Bentley, *A History of the Freedmen's Bureau* (Philadelphia, PA: 1955); and Paul A. Cimbala and Randall M. Miller, eds., *The Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction: Reconsiderations* (New York: 1999), especially pages 93–118. For a history of the Freedmen's Bureau and Reconstruction in Arkansas, see Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874* (New York, 1923).

Several books written about Commissioner Oliver Otis Howard include O. O. Howard, *Autobiography of Oliver Otis Howard* (New York, NY: 1907); John Alcott Carpenter, *Sword and Olive Branch: Oliver Otis Howard* (Pittsburgh, PA: 1964); and William S. McFeely, *Yankee Stepfather: O. O. Howard and the Freedmen* (New Haven, CT: 1968).

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	Register of Claimants Volume (113½)	 Feb. 1868–Oct. 1871
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ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
6	**SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES**	
(cont.)	**Arkadelphia (Clark County)**	
	Letters Sent, Letters and Orders Received, and Endorsements Sent and Received	
	Volume (46)	July 1865–Jan. 1866 and Oct.–1866–Nov. 1868
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (47)	Aug. 1865–May 1868
	Registers of Labor Contracts	
	Volume 1 (49)	July 1865–Dec. 1866
	Volume 2 (50)	1867–Jan. 1868
	Register of Marriages	
	Volume (48)	1865–67
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–66
	Augusta (Woodruff County)	
	Letters and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (51)	Jan.–Feb. 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	Nov. 1865–Aug. 1866
	Registers of Labor Contracts	
	Volume 1 (52)	Dec.–1865–Sept. 1866 and Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Volume 2 (53)	Jan.–Sept. 1866
	Fiscal and Legal Papers	1865–66
	Batesville (Independence County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1(54)	Aug. 1866–Jan. 1867 and Feb. 1868
	Volume 2 (55)	Apr.–Dec. 1868
	Letters Received	Dec.–1865–Dec. 1868
	Special Orders and Circulars	1865–68
	Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired	May–Dec. 1867
	Court Writs, Summons, and Other Legal Papers	1866–68
	Contracts, Specifications, and Plans of a Freedmen School	1867
7	**Camden (Ouchita County)**	
	Letters Sent and Received	
	Volume 1 (56)	Oct. 1865–June 1867
	Volume 2 (58)	June 1867–Aug. 1868
	Letters Received	July 1865–July 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
7 (cont.)	Endorsements Sent and Received and Special Orders and Circulars Issued and Received	
	Volume (59)	July 1865–Oct. 1868
	General and Special Orders	Mar. 1866–June 1868
	Register of Labor Contracts	
	Volume (61)	1867–68
	Register of School Children and Register of Attendance of School Children	
	Volume (63)	Feb.–June 1867
	Affidavits and Depositions	Jan. 1866–May 1868
	Monthly Statements of Accounts Current and Register of Complaints	
	Volume (62)	July 1865–June 1868
	Fiscal Papers of Superintendents Carhart and Cole	July 1865–June 1866
	Lewisburg (Conway County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (67)	Aug. 1866–July 1867
	Volume 2 (68)	Feb. 19 and Mar. 11, 1867
	Volume 3 (69)	Aug. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Letters Sent	Feb.–Mar. 1866 and Aug. 1867–Dec. 1867
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent and Received	
	Volume (66)	Dec. 1866–Mar. 1868
	Letters Received	
	Volume (65)	May 1866–Mar. 1867
	Letters Received	June 1866–Oct. 1868
	Special Orders of the Assistant Commissioner of Arkansas	
	Volume (70)	May 1866–Apr. 1867
	Labor Contracts, Amnesty Oaths, and Marriage Certificates	
	Volume (72)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867
	Oaths of Amnesty	Feb. 1866
	Affidavits, Petitions, and Labor Contracts	1866–67
8	**Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)**	
	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (73)	Oct. 1865–Oct. 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
8 (cont.)	Labor Contracts	
	Volume 1 (75)	Jan. 1865–July 1865
	Volume 2 (74)	Dec. 1865–July 1868
	Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Orders and Circulars Received, and Accounts Current	Nov. 1865–Oct. 1867
	Fort Smith (Sebastian County)	
	Letters Sent and Received	
	Volume 1 (76)	March–Oct. 1866
	Volume 2 (77)	Oct. 1866–May 1868
	Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Oct. 1868
	Register of Labor Contracts	
	Volume (78)	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
	Register of Application for Restoration of Property, Register of Marriages, and Register of Persons Drawing Rations	
	Volume (80)	1865–67
9	Register of Refugees Issued Rations	
	Volume 1 (81)	Jan. 1865–June 1866
	Volume 2 (82)	Mar. 1865–July 1865
	Register of Freedmen and Refugees Issued Rations	
	Volume (83)	Mar.–May 1866
	Register of Rebel Property in Counties Subject to Confiscation	
	Volume (79)	No Dates
	Miscellaneous Records	1865–67
10	**Hamburg (Ashley County)**	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (87)	July 1866–July 1868
	Register of Letters Received, Orders Issued to Local Citizens, and Monthly Reports of Operations	
	Volume (86)	1867–68
	Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume 1 (88)	Apr. 1866–Nov. 1866
	Volume 2 (89)	Sept. 1865–July 1868
	Register of Contracts	
	Volume (169)	1867
	Miscellaneous Records	Sept. 1866–July 1868

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
11	**Hampton (Calhoun County)**	
	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (85)	Feb.–Aug. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1867
	Helena (Phillips County)	
	Copies of Reports	1864–67
	Register of Claimants	
	Volume (90)	Oct. 1869–June 1871
	Jacksonport (Upper White River District)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (95)	Jan. 1866–Mar. 1867
	Letters Received	
	Volume 1 (91)	Mar. 1866–Dec. 1866
	Volume 2 (92)	Dec. 1866–Feb. 1867
	Letters Received	May 1866–Mar. 1867
	Circular Letters Issued	
	Volume (99)	Apr. 1866–Jan. 1867
	Court Papers and Vouchers	1866–67
	Register of Contracts and Accounting Records of Capt. W. W. Willis, Superintendent of Freedmen	
	Volume 1 (132)	May 1865
	Volume 2 (133)	June 1865
	Jacksonport (Jackson County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (94)	July 1865–Nov. 1866
	Volume 2 (96)	Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867
	Volume 3 (97)	Mar. 1867–May 1868
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	Aug.–Sept. 1866
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (93)	Mar. 1867–July 1868
	Letters Received	Jan. 1867–July 1868
	Unregistered Letters and Orders Received	Aug. 1865–Aug. 1868
12	Special Orders, Circular Letters, and Letters of Instruction Received	
	Volume (98)	Apr. 1866–Jan. 1867
	Letters Sent, Reports, Affidavits, and Court Papers	Aug. 1865–Jan. 1867
	Register of Contracts and a Register of Marriages	
	Volume (101)	1865–68

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
12 (cont.)	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (100)	Jan. 1866–Aug. 1868
	Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (103)	July 1866–June 1868
	Volume 2 (106)	Jan.–July 1867
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (102)	Jan. 1867–Feb. 1868
	Unregistered Letters and Orders Received	Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Register of Contracts and Register of Major Landholders	
	Volume (104)	Apr. 1867–Aug. 1868
	Accounting Books of Fawnwood Plantation	
	Volume 1 (171)	1865–67
	Volume 2 (105)	1867
13	**Lewisville (Lafayette County)**	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume (109)	Nov. 1866–July 1868
	Letters Sent	July–Sept. 1867
	Endorsements Sent and Received	
	Volume (107)	June 1867–Mar. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (108)	July 1867–Jan. 1868
	Letters Received	July–Dec. 1867
	Unregistered Letters Received	Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868
14	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (110)	July–Nov. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	Sept. 1866–Feb. 1868
	Little Rock (Pulaski County)	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume (112)	Jan. 1867–Apr. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Received and Sent	
	Volume (111)	Apr. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Letters and Orders Received	Dec. 1865–Oct. 1868
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (113)	Apr. 1866–May 1868
	Register of Marriages	
	Volume (121)	1864–66

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
14 (cont.)	Register of Freedmen Employed on Plantations Volume (120)	1865–66
15	Employment Registers	
	Volume 1 (116)	1864
	Volume 2 (117)	1865
	Volume 3 (118)	1865
	Miscellaneous Registers and Memorandums Volume (114)	1864–65
	Leases, Miscellaneous Court Papers, Reports	1865–68
	Miscellaneous Registers Relating to Home Farm at Little Rock Volume (115)	Jan. 1865–Feb. 1866
	Miscellaneous Accounting Records of Home Farm Volume (119)	Nov. 1864–Feb. 1865
	Little Rock (Superintendent of Freedmen)	
	Letters Sent and Circulars Issued Volume (36)	1864–65
	Letters and Orders Received	Jan. 1864–Sept. 1865
	Special Orders Issued Volume (37)	Jan. 1864–Oct. 1865
16	Narrative School Reports from Teachers and Superintendents of Freedmen's Schools	Dec. 1864–June 1865
	Retained Copies of Reports, Reports Received, and Miscellaneous Papers	1864–65
	Madison (St. Francis County)	
	Letters Sent Volume (123)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Register of Letters Received Volume (122)	Apr.–Aug. 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	Mar. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Register of Complaints Volume (124)	June 1867–Apr. 1868
	Register of Contracts Volume (125)	Apr. 1867–July 1868
	Narrative Reports, Affidavits and Court Papers	1867–68
	Magnolia (Columbia County)	
	Letters Received and Affidavits of Freedmen	May 1866–Apr. 1867

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
17	**Marion (Crittenden County)**	
	Letters and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (127)	June 1867–Nov. 1867
	Volume 2 (128)	Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Volume 3 (129)	Jan. 1868–Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (126)	Jan. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Single Unbound Letter Received	Oct. 21, 1867
	Monticello (South Eastern District of Arkansas)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (131)	July 1865–Dec. 1866
	Letters Received	
	Volume (130)	Aug. 1865–Dec. 1866
	Letters Received	Oct. 1865–Jan. 1867
	Register of Contracts for Bradley County	
	Volume (168)	Jan.–Mar. 1866
	Court Papers and Reports	1865–66
	Monticello (Drew County)	
	Reports	1866
	Napoleon (Desha County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (135)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Volume 2 (136)	Feb. 1868–Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (134)	Apr. 1867–Feb. 1868
18	Letters and Orders Received	June 1866–Mar. 1868
	Register of Contracts and Register of Complaints	
	Volume (137)	1866–67
	Miscellaneous Records	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1868
	Osceola (Mississippi County)	
	Letters Sent and Registers of Claims, Marriages, Contracts, and Indentures	
	Volume (138)	1866–68
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (139)	Mar. 1867–June 1868
	Ozark	
	Register of Destitute Citizens of Franklin and Johnson Counties Issued Rations	
	Volume (140)	June 1866

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
18	**Paraclifta (Sevier County)**	
(cont.)	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (177)	Dec. 1866–Dec. 1867
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (179)	Dec. 1867–Oct. 1868
	Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent	
	Volume (178)	Nov. 1867–May 1868
	Orders Issued to Local Citizens	
	Volume (180)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Register of Marriages, Copies of Indentures, and Register of Purchase Vouchers Issued	
	Volume (181)	1865–67
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (176)	Jan. 1867–July 1868
	Register of Employers and Employees	
	Volume (182)	No Dates
19	**Pine Bluff (Superintendent of Arkansas River District)**	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (144)	July 1866–May 1867
	Letters and Orders Received	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Reports of Persons and Articles Hired	July 1866–Feb. 1867
	Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)	
	Press Copies of Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (143)	Jan.–May 1866 and Jan.–July 1868
	Volume 2 (145)	May 1867–Dec. 1867
20	Letters Sent	
	Volume (146)	1864, 1865, 1866, and 1868
	Endorsements Sent	
	Volume 1 (142)	Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868
	Volume 2 (141)	Sept. 1866–July 1868
	Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868
	Special Orders Received	
	Volume (147)	Oct. 1865–July 1868
21	Register of Marriages	
	Volume (151)	Mar. 1864–July 1865
	Copies of Marriage Certificates	
	Volume (150)	Dec. 1864–June 1867

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
21 (cont.)	Register of Abandoned Property	
	Volume (149)	1864–67
	"Record of Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation	
	Volume (148)	Feb.–Dec. 1867
	Miscellaneous Records	1864–68
22	**Princeton (Dallas County)**	
	Contracts and Monthly Statements of Property	
	Volume (170)	1866–68
	South Bend (Arkansas County)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (153)	Feb. 1867–July 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (152)	Jan. 1867–Mar. 1868
	Letters Received	Feb.–Aug. 1867
	Orders Issued to Local Citizens	
	Volume (154)	Oct. 1867–July 1868
	Proceedings of Cases	
	Volume (155)	Nov. 1867–Apr. 1868
	Union (Fulton County)	
	Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (156)	Jan. 1867–Sept. 1868
	Letters Sent and Retained Copies of Reports	June 1866–June 1867
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (158)	Oct.–Dec. 1868
	Register of Letters Received	
	Volume (157)	Oct.–Dec. 1868
	Letters and Orders Received	Mar. 1866–Nov. 1868
	Washington (South West District of Arkansas)	
	Letters Sent	
	Volume (161)	Jan. 1865–Mar. 1867
	Letters Received	
	Volume (159)	Sept. 1866–Sept. 1868
23	Letters Received	Sept. 1866–Feb. 1867
	Special Orders Received	
	Volume (164)	Nov. 1865–Dec. 1867
	Special Orders and Circulars Received	Nov. 1865–Feb. 1867
	Washington (Hemstead County)	
	Letters Sent and Orders Issued to Local Citizens	
	Volume (160)	Feb. 1866–Mar. 1867

ROLL	DESCRIPTION	DATES
23 (cont.)	Letters Sent	
	Volume 1 (162)	Mar. 1867–Aug. 1868
	Volume 2 (163)	Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868
	Letters and Orders Received	Apr. 1867–Sept. 1868
	Register of Contracts	
	Volume (165)	Nov. 1866–Sept. 1867
	Register of Complaints	
	Volume (166)	Aug. 1866–Feb. 1868
	Marriage Certificates	
	Volume (167)	Oct. 1865–Feb. 1867
	Accounts Current, Marriage Certificates, Court Papers, and Teachers' School Reports	1865–68

APPENDIX

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Arkansas. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment-related records.

LOCATION	DATES
Arkadelphia (Clark County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
William A. Stuart	July–Dec. 1865
William A. Britton	Dec. 1865–Oct. 1866
Anthony E. Babricht	Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868
Augusta (Woodruff County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
John Thorp	Nov. 1865–Nov. 1866
Lt. Sebastian Geisreiter	Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867
Batesville (Independence County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Reuben Harplam	Dec. 1865–ca. June 1866
Capt. William Brian	July 1866–Feb. 1867
Capt. Walter O. Lattimore	Apr. 1867
Capt. Albert H. Andrews	Apr.–Nov. 1867
Lt. John Harold	Nov.–Dec. 1867
Capt. William J. Lyster	Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868
Camden (Ouchita County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Lewis H. Carhart	July 1865–June 1866
Nathan Cole	June–Oct. 1866
Joseph L. Thorp	Oct. 1866–July 1868
Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)	
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT	
Willis Davis	June 1865
William McCullough	July 1865–July 1866
Hiram Willis	July–Dec. 1866
William McCullough	Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868

Fort Smith (Sebastian County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Francis Springer	Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866
Thomas Abel	Mar.–May 1866
Sebastian Geisreiter	May–Aug. 1866
Charles Banzhaf	Aug. 1866–May 1867
Elihu G. Barker	May–Aug. 1867
Charles Banzhaf	Aug.–Oct. 1867
Pinkney Lugenbeel	Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868

Hamburg (Ashley County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Lt. Fred A. Tencate	Mar.–July 1866
Lt. Isaiah S. Taylor	July 1866–Oct. 1867
George Towle	Nov. 1867–July 1868
Sebastian Geisreiter	July–Dec. 1868

Hampton (Calhoun County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Scroggins	Oct. 1865–Aug. 1867

Helena (Phillips County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

H. Sweeney (superintendent of freedmen)	1864–65
H. Sweeney (superintendent)	1867
James T. Watson (claims agent)	1869–71

Jacksonport (Upper White River District)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

J. M. Bowler	Jan.–Mar. 1866
J. T. Watson	Mar. 1866–Mar. 1867

Jacksonport (Jackson County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Jonas Lindale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	May–Aug. 1865
William Tisdale (also provost marshal for the Department of Arkansas)	Aug.–Oct. 1865
J. M. Bowler	Oct.–Dec. 1865
Robert Anderson	Dec. 1865–Mar. 1866
A. S. Dyer	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
William Brian	Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868

Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Thomas Abel	July–Oct. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Nov. 1866
S. Hersey	Dec. 1866–June 1867
G. Benson	July–Dec. 1867
A. G. Cunningham	Dec. 1867–Nov. 1868

Lewisburg (Conway County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

John Vetter	Feb.–Mar. 1866
William Morgan	June 1866–Dec. 1868

Lewisville (Lafayette County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Nathan Cole	Oct. 1866–June 1867
V. V. Smith	July 1867–Dec. 1868

Little Rock (Pulaski County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

J. Raines (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Feb.–Sept. 1865
W. Tisdale	Nov. 1865–July 1866
F. Gross	July 1866–Sept. 1867
James T. Watson	Aug. 1867
A. S. Dyer	Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868

Little Rock
SUPERINTENDENT OF FREEDMEN

W. G. Sargent (superintendent at Helena)	Jan.–Mar. 1864
W. G. Sargent	Apr. 1864–Nov. 1865

Madison (St. Francis County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. S. Dyer	Apr.–Sept. 1867
Williams	Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868

Marion (Crittenden County)
AGENT

James R. Walker	Sept. 1866–Oct. 1867
E. G. Barker	Oct. 1867–Aug. 1868
Main	Sept.–Dec. 1868

Monticello
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

E. G. Barker (agent)	July 1865–ca. Jan. 1866
E. G. Barker (general superintendent)	Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867

Monticello (Drew County)
AGENT

G. Duvall	Jan.–Oct. 1866

Osceola (Mississippi County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Eli Mix	Apr. 1866–Oct. 1868

Paraclifta (Sevier County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

A. W. Ballard	Dec. 1865–Dec. 1866
Hiram Willis	Dec. 1866–Oct. 1868

Pine Bluff (Arkansas River District)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT

William J. Dawes	July 1866–Jan. 1867
William D. Hale	Jan.–Feb. 1867
William J. Dawes	Feb. 1867

Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

S. W. Mallory (superintendent of freedmen until July 1865)	Dec. 1864–Nov. 1865
D. H. Williams	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866
A. Coats	Jan.–Mar. 1866
E. Wallace	Mar.–Sept. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Sept. 1866–Mar. 1867
W. J. Dawes (agent)	Mar.–May 1867
S. Geisreiter (agent)	May1867–July 1868
R. W. Barnard	Aug.–Dec. 1868

Princeton (Dallas County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT

Stubblefield	1866
George W. Mallett	1866–68

South Bend (Arkansas County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT
William D. Hale — May 1866–June 1867
S. Hersey — June–Sept. 1867
A. Coats — Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868
DeWolf — Mar.–July 1868

Union (Fulton County)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT
Simpson Mason — Oct. 1866–Sept. 1868
John Martin — Sept.–Dec. 1868

Washington (South West District of Arkansas)
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT
E. W. Gantt — Nov. 1865–Oct. 1866
F. Thibant — Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867

Washington (Hemstead)
SUPERINTENDENT AND AGENT
John R. Montgomery — July–Dec. 1865
James Williams — Dec. 1865–July 1866
F. Thibant — July 1866–Dec. 1867
C. C. Gilbert — Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868

Note: The agent's name for the subdistrict of Dardenelle, Arkansas, is unknown, but his dates of service were Feb. 1866–Jan. 1867 and Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES

Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)

Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received	
Volume (73)*	Oct. 1865–Oct. 1868
Labor Contracts	
Volume 1 (75)	Jan. 1865–July 1865
Volume 2 (74)	Dec. 1865–July 1868
Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Orders and Circulars Received, and Accounts Current	Nov. 1865–Oct. 1867

Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

Letters Sent and Received	
Volume 1 (76)	March–Oct. 1866
Volume 2 (77)	Oct. 1866–May 1868
Letters Received	Mar. 1866–Oct. 1868
Register of Labor Contracts	
Volume (78)	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
Register of Application for Restoration of Property, Register of Marriages, and Register of persons Drawing Rations	
Volume (80)	1865–67

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)

Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received
Volume (73) Oct. 1865–Oct. 1868

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Overalls Bluff Ark

Little Rock,

Pine Bluff

Texas Road

Fort Smith

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. Nov 4th 1865.

Capt. G. E. Dayton
A. A. A. Gen. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward in duplicate Estimate of Funds which as near as I can now tell I will require to expend for the benefit of the Bureau at this place. I am not able, as yet, to tell exactly how much I will need as I have been here but a short time. By the end of another month I will be able to make an estimate more definite.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt. and Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark Nov. 13. 1865.

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Gen. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain

I would respectfully request an order for Transportation to their homes for the following named families, who are sick and destitute and depending upon the government for support but who have farms at homes and think if they once get there, can support themselves. Viz:
Catharina McClendon and two children to Jacksonport Ark
Jane Green and one child to Fort Smith Ark.
Lena McCormick and four children to Jacksonport Ark.
John R. Means, wife & three children, and one sick man named Elijah Hoy to Jacksonport Ark.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully &c &c.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark Nov. 13 1865.

Capt. Charles E. Moore
A. A. Genl. White River District.

Captain

I have the honor to make the following statement as regards the mistreatment of a colored man named Bonner, by Lieut. A. C. Beman of the 11S." U. S. C. Infty stationed at Clarendon Ark and in command at that post. It seems from all that I can learn by investigating the case that the negro's employer, whose name is also Bonner, told him in the spring, that if he, and his wife, would work for him this summer, he would make it all right with them, agreeing upon specified price for the compensation of their labor. Everything seemed to have run smoothly until about four week ago, when the negro made application for a portion of his hire due, when a disagreement arose between the parties concerned on account of the employer refusing to pay them anything whatever. The negro and his employer then both appeared before the Provost Marshal at this place to settle the matter, at which time a contract was entered into, by both parties concerned. The contract was drawn up by Lieut Prastin Pro. Mar. and was to this effect: That the man was to work two weeks longer, one for himself, and one for his wife, when he was to receive compensation to the following amount. Four hundred pounds of cotton and one hundred bushels of corn, for his and his wifes summer work. Some time after the expiration of the two weeks, the negro claimed his compensation, but his employer said he would have to work on, when the negro applied to Lt. Beman to have the matter adjusted, and was told by him he would have to work on until the crop was gathered. The negro then came to the Pro. Mar. at this place, and laid in his complaint. The Pr. Mar. brought forward the contract, which was made about four weeks ago, in his presence, and refused the matter to me with all the facts in his possession saying that the time agreed upon in the contract had expired some time ago. I then dropped a note to Lieut Beman with the contract enclosed, authorizing him as an officer in the U. S. service to take a lien upon the mans crop, and hold it until full compensation was paid to the negro. I sent this note by the negro himself as there was no boat going down the River soon, and he was going to return that evening. When Lieut Beman found that the negro had been here and reported the case, and after he had delivered my note with contract, he threatened to shoot the negro several times, and tore my note to pieces, and said that was all he cared for orders, (which the note did not contain) and ordered his Sergeant, (Simon Hawkins Co. G. 11S U. S. C. I.) to tie the mans hands behind him which the Sergt. did, and then ordered to a rope around his neck, which order was obeyed. He then mounted his horse and led, for as his men reported the matter) drug the negro to the farm where he had been working, and set him at work again. Lieut Beman reports that the man had been creating dissatisfaction among the colored population, by advising them to take no notice of him as he was not their friend, and if such was the case, of which I have no doubt the negro, should have been arrested, and sent here for punishment in proper form, and not given an example set before men who have always been in the habit of punishing their slaves after that style. I think it time that officers in the U. S. service, and especially officers in colored Regts should set an example before the people of this country that should prove an honor to the service in which they are engaged.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W. S. McCullough 1st Lt.
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

A true copy

Office Supt. R. F. and A. G.
DeValls Bluff Ark Nov. 30th 1865

Capt. Dennis E. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Captain

I have the honor to forward in duplicate "Estimate of Funds" required for the service of the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. at DeValls Bluff Ark. for the month of December 1865.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lt.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. G.
DeValls Bluff Ark Dec. 2nd 1865

Capt. Dennis E. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain

I have the honor to forward Monthly Report of Schools and my Monthly Report for the Month ending November 30th 1865.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lt.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark Dec. 4th 1865

Captain Dennis E. Willims
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to request an order from H'd Q'rs allowing, or ordering me to travel to any part of this District, when I deem it necessary for the good of the service, as such an order will enable me to obtain Transportation or any mileage with less trouble than I have at present. I think it necessary that I should visit several parts of my district to settle cases that I cannot otherwise get at. In visiting some places I will have to take several men with me. Genl Morgan is anxious that I should go and will detail men to go with me.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt

W. S. McCullough 1st Lt.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. Dec. 6th 1865

Mr. J. H. Vanell

Sir

Your note dated Dec. 6th 1865. asking for information about Isabella Lynch (Colored) staying with you was received today from the hands of the bearer. Your question is easily answered. The girl has a right to go where she pleases and remain as long as she pleases, provided she violates no law or any of the regulations governing the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. Mr. Lynch has no right to interfere with her in any way. much less to talk of making her leave the State or country. be it far or near from his place. If she violated the contract made between him and her, here at this office is the place to settle that matter. If Mr. Lynch interferes in any way with your keeping the girl, you will let me know immediately. If you see him tell him I would like to see him. as I have some information which may prove a benefit to him.

Yours &c. &c.

W. S. McCullough.
1st Lt. & Supt. & Pro. Mar. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. and A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. Dec. 16th 1865.

Capt. Stephen B. Wheeler.
A. A. A. G. White River District.

Captain:

I would respectfully request that I be furnished with horses with riding equipage and eight days forage to go to the mouth of White River and return immediately on government business. I would also request a detail of one man to accompany me. to report today and an order for Capt. Preston Comdg the Post at the mouth of the river to furnish me with more men when I get there.

I am Captain

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Dec 29th 1865.

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain

I would respectfully request an order for transportation to their homes for Mrs. Sarah McElyea and daughter, destitute refugees and an orphan colored boy member of the family to Louisburg Ark

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark Dec. 30th 1865

Capt. S. H. Wheeler
A. A. Genl White River Distruct.
Captain

I have the honor to request that an officer with some men be sent to Dogwood Township. White Co Ark. to arrest Thomas Quesnut & Hayward Branch and bring them to this place for trial for mistreating a colored man named Moden Holloway. who has been bound over to Court for trial on a bond for $1000.00

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark Dec 31st 1865.

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward in duplicate Estimates of Funds required for the Month of January 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough.
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark Dec 31st 1865.

Capt. Dennis H. Williams
Captain:

I have the honor to forward my Monthly Report of labors as Superintendent of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands. for the Month of December 1865.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark Jan. 3" 1866.

Capt. Dennis E. Williams
A.A. Gen. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Captain

I have the honor to forward my Quarterly Report of labors as Supt. for this District for the quarter ending December 31" 1865.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
H.S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark Jan. 5th 1866.

Capt. H. Schimmo
A.D.M. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward my Monthly Report No. 10. with the necessary Vouchers and Abstracts

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
H.S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Jan. 25" 1866.

John Wilson
3" Auditor Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.
Sir.

I have the honor to forward direct to your office my report for the Month ending Dec. 31st 1865. of Funds received and expended

I am Sir:
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
H.S. McCullough
1st Lieut and Supt. R.F. and A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. and A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Jan. 29th 1866.

James Bradley
Clerk of Circuit Court
White Co. Ark.
Sir:

In compliance with instructions from Hd Qrs Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the states of Missouri & Arkansas. in which I was ordered to take up the case existing between Hayward Branch and Milan Holloway (colrd) both of White Co. Ark. in which the said Milan Holloway (colrd) was bound over for trial at the sitting of the ninth circuit court of White Co Ark. in a bond of one thousand dollars. which case the court has no right to try unless the testimony of both white and Black persons can be admitted. as you will see by enclosed circular from Gen. Howards Hd Qrs. I have the honor to make the following statement and request:

I summoned both parties with witnesses to appear here for trial on the 20." day of January 1866. The said Milan

Holloway appeared with witnesses in compliance with said summons, and testimony of said party was duly taken in proper form, but the said Hayward Branch did not appear for trial, thus placing himself in default, in which case he will pay all costs and damages. I would respectfully request that you forward to me said bond binding said Milan Holloway over for trial in bond of one thousand dollars, as soon as possible after receipt of this letter, as I do not wish to issue an order in the case unless positively necessary.

I am sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt. Servt.

W. S. McLellough 1st Lieut

& Supt. R. D. 2nd A. L.

A true copy

Office Supt. R. D. 2nd A. L.

De Valls Bluff Ark. Jan. 30th 1866.

Capt. D. A. Williams

A. A. G. Bureau R. D. & A. L.

Captain:

I have the honor to submit the following report in regard to the case existing between Hayward Branch and Milan Holloway, (colrd) of White Co. Ark. In which case the said Milan Holloway was bound over to appear for trial before circuit Court of White Co. Ark in a bond of one thousand and which I was instructed from your Hd Qrs. to take out of the hands of the circuit court and try. In compliance with said instructions I summoned both parties to appear here for trial on the 20th inst. The said Milan Holloway appeared with his witnesses in compliance with said summons but Hayward Branch failed to appear, thus placing himself in default I took the testimony of the witnesses present which I duly considered and decided that the said Milan Holloway should be released from the bond and all costs of trial before the civil court of White County and that the said Hayward Branch should pay the same. I have written to the Clerk of the circuit court of White Co. giving him a statement of the case with my instructions from your Hd Qrs and enclosed him a circular referring to such cases and requested him to turn over the bond to me.

I am Captain

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt.

W. S. McLellough

1st Lieut. 2nd Supt. R. D. & A. L.

A true copy.

Office Supt. R. D. 2nd A. L.

De Valls Bluff Ark. Jan. 31st 1866

Capt. Dennis A. Williams

A A Genl Bureau R. D. 2nd A. L.

Captain:

I have the honor to forward in duplicate Estimates of Funds required for the service of the Bureau at this place during the month of February 1866.

I am Captain

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt.

W. S. McLellough

1st Lieut. Supt. R. D. 2nd A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Jan. 31st 1866.

Capt. Dennis A. Williams
A. A. Gen'l Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward my Monthly Report of labor as Supt. R. F. & A. L. for the month of January 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obd't. Serv't.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Feby. 1st 1866

Capt. Holly Skinner
A. A. G. M. Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward my monthly account of Funds received and expended during the month of January 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obd't Serv't.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Feby 5th 1866.

Capt. Dennis A. Williams
A. A. Gen'l Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward my monthly Report of Schools for the month ending the 31st day of January 1866

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Feb. 1st 1866

John Wilson
3rd Auditor Treasury Dept
Washington D. C.
Sir:

I have the honor to forward direct to your office my report for the month ending January 31st 1866. of Funds received and expended.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark Feb. 28th 1866.

Captain Dennis H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward the following reports for the month of February 1866. to wit: Monthly Report of rations issued to refugees and Freedmen, and Monthly report of labors as Supt. of R. F. & A. L.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt
W. L. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark Feby. 28th 1866.

Capt. Dennis H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward in duplicate "Estimates of Funds" required for the service of the Bureau R. F. & A. L. at DeValls Bluff Ark. for the month of March 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
W. L. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. March 1st 1866

Capt. Dennis H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward Monthly Report of Schools for the month ending February 28th 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W. L. McCullough 1st Lt. &
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. March 1st 1866.

Captain H. Skinner
A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain:

I have the honor to forward to your Office my Monthly Returns of Funds received and expended during the month of February 1866. accompanied with all the necessary abstracts and vouchers.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. L. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Returned for correction April 8th 1866.

Office Supt. Ex. Mar. R. F. & A. L.
D. Valli Bluff Ark. March 3rd 1866

James H. Bradley
Clerk of the Circuit Court
of White County Ark.

Sir:

Your Communication dated February 15th 1866. was received a few days since and contents duly considered. The case of citing between Haywood Brands & Milus Holloway is a different one from what it was represented to me: as I understood that it was Haywood Brands who was prosecuting suit against the said Milus Holloway instead of the State as you represent. I knew if such was the case that the testimony of both classes could be admitted, and would have been willing at the start, as I am now to have the case go into the hands of the Civil Court.

I spoke to Genl. Sprague Asst. Com. for the State about the matter as you represented it to me in your letter, and he is willing that the Court may try the case and, ordered me to watch the proceedings and if injustice is done to the negro to take the case out of the hands of the Court. It is a case that might involve others in difficulty. I would advise you to use Considerable discretion in the case. If possible I will attend the Court when the trial comes off if you will let me know about what time the case will be tried.

I Am
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. J. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. and A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
D. Valli Bluff. Ark. March 7th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Captain.

I would respectfully request an Order for Transportation to their home at Augusta Arkansas for Miss Roach & Miss James destitute refugees

I Am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. J. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
D. Valli Bluff. Ark. Mar. 7th 1866

John Nelson
2nd Auditor Treasury Dept.
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward duplicate to your office my report for the Month Ending February 28th 1866. of Funds received and Expended.

I Am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. J. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark. March 15th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Costain.

I would respectfully request an order for Transportation to this Home at Augusta Ga. for Mrs. Franklin & two children destitute refugees.

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. D. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff. Ark. March 31st 1866.

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Costain

I have the honor to forward in duplicate "Estimate of Funds" required for the service of the Bureau R. F. & A. L. at De Valls Bluff. Ark. for the month of April 1866.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. D. McCullough 1st Lieut.
& Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. + A. L.
Dr Vallis Bluff Ark. March 31st 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. + A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward my monthly report of Rations issued to Refugees + Freedmen for the month ending March 31st 1866.

Your Communication Concerning these reports being forwarded sooner did not reach me in time or I should have forwarded it sooner.

I am Captain
very Respectfully
Your obt. Lieut.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lieut.
+ Supt. R. F. + A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. + A. L.
Dr Vallis Bluff, Ark, March 31st 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams,
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. + A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward my monthly report for the month ending March 31st 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Lieut.
W. S. McCullough
1 Lieut. + Supt. R. F. + A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dº Vallis Bluff Ark. March 31st/

Copt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Copt.

I have the honor to forward my Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ending March 31st 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Dº Vallis Bluff, Ark. March 31st/1866

Copt. H. Skinner
A. G. W. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward to your office my monthly Reports of Funds received and Expended during the month of March 1866: accompanied with all necessary abstracts and vouchers.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Lt. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Returned for Correction April 18th 1866

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dº Vails Bluff. Ark. April 4th 1866

Capt. Stephen Wheeler
A. A. Genl Post of Dº Vails Bluff.

Captain

I have the honor to forward this office the enclosed affidavit of Lieut Colyer and three witnesses concerning two mules in possession of the Quartermaster at this place.

I would respectfully request that the Quartermaster be ordered to turn over the mules to their

This duplicate forwarded for your information

Owners

and Captain

I am Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. L. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dº Vails Bluff Ark. April 10th 1866.

Capt. A. Skinner
A. G. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward my monthly returns & funds expended for Feb. & Mch. 1866. Corrected according to your remarks as near as I could comply with them. Most of the Refugee Freedmen that I have furnished coffins for have not been in the Hosps. so that I cannot obtain Surgeons Certificates Certifying to the expenditure of the Coffins.

I am Capt. Very Respectfully
Your obt. Lieut.
W. L. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dr Rolla Bluff. Ark. April 11th 1866

Capt. H. Kinnicutt
A. A. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to furnish correct accounts of your vouchers, as promptly & correctly with them, my Monthly Returns of funds & property during the months of Feb. & March 1866 & Most of the Refugees & Freedmen that I have furnished Coffins for have not been in the habit of keeping accounts & cannot obtain a Surgeons Certificate Certifying to the Expenditure of the Coffins.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough 1st Lieut.
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dr Rolla Bluff. Ark. April 12th 1866

Capt. Cashnett
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Captain,

Your communication dated March 22nd 1866. concerning one Godbolt a Refugee was received a few days ago. and contents duly considered I have made frequent inquiries for the man but cannot learn of any one that ever heard of such a man here.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Ds. Valls Bluff. Ark. April 13th 1866.

Capt. Cashmer
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Captain,

Your Commu-
nication dated, March 15th 1866. Concerning
the difficulty between one Harris (Colrd)
and "St. Justice" was received a few days
since and contents duly considered.
I have tried to find the papers among those
Judge Crockett. but have failed to find
any Prosecuting Writ against "St. Justice"
or Harris. for that Amount. The Judge never
spoke to me about the Matter. so that I am
inclined to think that he never does any
thing with the case after Harris first
went to him. I refund Harris & him on
account of my not being well informed
about the laws governing such cases. I
would like to see the officers of the court
brought to justice as they law anything
but what Loyal men ought to be.
but as I can find no papers I can
do nothing without the affidavit of
Harris with the names of necessary witness
attached. If I had that I would try to
bring them to justice.

I am Captain
very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
D'Valls Bluff Ark. April 15th 1866

E. C. Combs
1st Lieut & Pro. Mar.

Lieut

I have the honor to forward to you two circulars for your information as regards the settlement of difficulties existing between Freedmen and themselves or between Freedmen and whites. with a request that you refer the case that comes up before you this morning to this office for settlement

As Supt. R. F. & A. L. I am supposed and it is my duty to take cognizance of all such cases and I would respectfully request that hereafter you refer all such cases and similar ones to this office for settlement.

I am Lieut
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Serv
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
D'Valls Bluff Ark April 12th 1866

E. C. Combs
1st Lieut & Pro. Mar.

Lieut

I have the honor to request that a detail of one Non Com. Officer and two privates, be sent to the Washington place ten miles south of D'Valls Bluff Ark to arrest one William Paxton (Colrd) for theft, and bring him to this place.

I am Lieut Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
D'Valls Bluff Ark. April 16th 1866.

In compliance with instructions contained in Circular No. 19, dated Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Missouri and Arkansas Little Rock Ark. March 1st 1866.

This is to certify that Frank Russell and wife came to my Office voluntarily on their part. made and signed a contract to work for A. H. Evans of Monroe Co. for the period of Eight Months and fifteen days at the rates of twenty dollars ($20.00) for himself and Eighteen dollars for his wife & above furnished them by the Employer which was approved by me. and the said Frank Russell & wife afterward in my presence refused to fulfill their contract in which case A. H. Evans is entitled to the wages earned by said Frank Russell during said period of time. which this certificate will entitle him to collect.

W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Do Vallis Bluff. Ark. April 19th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A.A. Genl. Dunn R. F. & A. L.
Costain

Sir I have the honor to respectfully request an order for transportation & three rations per diem for Mrs. Hays & child destitute Refugees,

Jno Costain

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Do Vallis Bluff. Ark. April 24th 1866

John Hedrick
3rd Auditor U.S. Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir, I have the honor to forward through the office of the Asst. Com. my report of Funds received & expended during the month of March 1866.

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W.S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Ark. April 25th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Captain.

I would respectfully request that I may be furnished with forms of the following Returns viz:

"Morning Certificates"
"Contracts"
"Return of Rations issued to R. F. & F."

I am Captain
very Respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt.
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Ark. April 26th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward herewith my Monthly Report of rations issued to destitute Refugees and Freedmen during the Month of April 1866.

I am Captain
very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. H. Mullenaugh
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Ft. Wells Bluff. Ark. April 27th 1866

Henry M. Lilly
Asst. Surg. U.S.A.
Surg. in-chief R.F. & A.L.

Sir.

I have the honor to Enclose one Set of duplicate Vouchers against for your approval with the request that W.W. Hospital Fund left this place for the north since the Vouchers were Cashed and it will be impossible for me to get his certificate or affidavit to the Number & kinds Issued & returned. For further Instructions will be complied with in making out said Vouchers.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
H.D. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Wells Bluff. Ark. April 30th 1866

Capt. D.A. Williams
A.A. Genl Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward my Monthly report for the Month Ending April 30th 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
H.D. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff. Ark April 30th 1866

Capt. D. H. Williams
A. A. Genl R. F. & A. L.

Captain

I have the honor to forward in duplicate "Estimate of Funds" required for the Service of the Bureau R. F. & A. L. at DeValls Bluff Ark. For the Months of May 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W S McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff. Ark. May 4th 1866

Mr. Colvey
Supt. Freedmens School
Sir.

I have the honor to state that I have succeeded in getting another School started for Freedmen. After being awhile to teach in Connection with it has only been in progress a few days so that I cannot give you a definite report for the Month of

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W S McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. May 6th 1866

Capt. Holly Skinner
A.Q.M. Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Captain

I have the honor to forward with necessary vouchers & abstract my Report of Funds Received and Expended during the month of April 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Serv't.
H. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
DeVall's Bluff Ark. May. 6th 1866

John Wilson
2nd Auditor U.S. Treasury Dept.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward through this Office Chief Q. M. B. R. F. & A. L. with the necessary vouchers & abstracts my Report of Funds Received and Expended during the month of April 1866.

I am Captain Sir
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Serv't.
H S McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Davis Bluff. Ark. May 5th 1866

Court of Internal Revenue
Washington D. C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward the Revenue tax deducted from the wages on my checks since Dec. 1st 1865. I should have sent it sooner if I had had any instructions to that Effect. Please forward receipts & oblige

Your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Davis Bluff. Ark. May 8th 1866

Brig. Genl. J. H. Sprague
Asst. Comr B. R. F. & A. L.
Genl.

I have the honor to make the following statement as regards a case I have on hand upon which I wish to have your advice. Thursday last a negro man went on board the "St. Commercial" in Company with a doctor with whom he was traveling, and asked for passage in the Cabin but not for a Stateroom, whereupon the Clerk ordered him to leave the Cabin and go below where the man remained. He had money to pay for his passage in the Cabin, and his friend the doctor also told the Clerk that he wanted him to remain in the Cabin, whereupon the Clerk drew and got his revolver and drove the man from the Cabin. I should like to have your advice upon Thursday next as the boat will be here again.

Yours Resp. &c.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Dakota Bluff. Mo. May 8th 1866.

Capt. John Taylor
Ass Adjt Genl Dist.

Captain.

Edward Harris co
to me and told me that you wanted me to make
a statement as regards his Brother late of the
11th U.S.C.T. in compliance I have the honor
to make the following statement.

Private Henry Martin belonged to Co. "G" 11th
Regiment U.S.C.T. before enrolled in which he was a member
of the Company from its organization and
died sometime in the month of April or May
1865. I cannot take from memory the exact date
after I had received months pay due him
when he died. These are the facts I possess.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
N. S. M Cullough
1st Lieut. and Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Returned with instructions to forward letter to P.M.G.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Valley Bluff, Ark May 11th 1865

John Tyler
Capt. In Charge Claim Dep.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Capt and

I have the honor herewith to forward the application of Gordon Connor for the pay and allowances due the late John Connor late of Private Co. "E" 11th U.S.C.T. The said Gordon Connor is the only member of the family living who is entitled to the said pay and allowances which are to be found on the C. record and a statement given me by the C. Commander which I copy.

"Rol. of Co. "E" 11th U.S.C.T. John Connor, dec. late a Privt. at this place Feb. 12th 1864.
He was last paid by Maj. Smith to include June 30th 1865. His clothing account was last settled to Feb. 28th 1865. He has drawn clothing to the amount of ($15.50/100) Six & fifty dollars and six & one cents." Signed H. H. Delong
1st Lieut Co. "E"

I certify that the above is a true copy of the statement given me by Lt. Delong which was taken from the Co. records.

And now I am Capt
Yours to Command Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
H. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Hd Qrs Supt. K. F. & A. L.
Vicksburg Miss. May 11th 18

John Tyler
Capt. Exchange Clerk
Div. B. R.F. & A.L.

Captain.

I have the honor herewith to forward the Application of Silvey Airship late Steward of Admiral Austin for the pay and allowances due his husband late a private of Co. E. 11th Regt. C. I. Having no children she is the only one entitled to the pay and allowances of her husband. Who died at Post Hosp. at this place on the 11th of August 1865. He was last paid to including Feb 28th 1865. And as near as I can find out his clothing account was settled up to the same date. His wife herewith sends to Application for the pay and allowances due him or whatever they may be.

Landlord find Marriage Certificate.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullon 9th
1st Lt & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dobbs' Staff Ark. May 16th 1866

J. M. Broom
Bt. Maj. & Chief Q. M.
B R F. & A. L.

Major I have the honor to forward the Vouchers to abstract for January & February 1866. My property account for the months of January & February 1866. Approved by the Asst. Commissioner for which they were returned to me.

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Devils Bluff Tex. May 18th 1866

U.S. Dyer
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Jacksonport Ark.

Lieut.

In Answer to your request I have the honor to forward to you a correct copy of Henderson & Leonard's Contract also that of Blackmon & Davis.
The hands were hired by one Person of the place for the above named parties and he took the hands to Jacksonport. when he got there the some were transferd from one Contract to another which names are crossed out on each Contract.
The names marked with the Star (X) are those that the hand who failed to go with him. He took the Contracts with him and had them Signed by the parties themselves.

I Certify on Honor that the enclosed are true copies of the original Contracts,

W.S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Devils Bluff Tex May 19th 1866

Lieut. H.M. Colby
Genl. Supt Freedmens Schools

Lieutenant

I sent your note to Mrs. Webster and She sent it back with a statement to the effect that the school was to fluctuate and that she could not make out a report. I then called upon her myself and offered her my assistance in making out the report. but she said She had such a dislike for any such business that she could not think of doing it as she never took the names of her Scholars She also said that she did not consider that she could be made to make out the report as She received no favors from the government. I spoke to the Maj. Comdg. the Post about stopping the school but he said that the school was under his charge and he would keep it up and that it could not be stopped as it was an independent School. I will await further instructions from you.

I am Lieut.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W.S. McCullough
1st Lieut. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dº Vallis Bluff Ark. May 19th 186

Bvt. Maj. Gen. D. St. Sprague
Asst. Comr. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
General

In Or
that justice may be secured to all parties who
have made contracts when the same have expired
or when both parties wish to be released from the
obligations of their Contracts by mutual consent
also settlement is to be made, I wish to have your
views upon the clause in the forms of contracts
"full and substantial rations"
What do you consider as a good substantial ration
I find that a good many of the planters simply fur-
nish their employees with four pounds of meat and
one peck of meal per week which (if I am rightly
informed) is only the same as the old plantation
ration given them while they were slaves; and if they
want anything in addition to the above ration they purchase
it of their employer. the above ration at the present price
would amount to less than twenty five cents. per ration
while others but the minority of the generality of planters
furnish their Employees Coffee & Sugar and
some Vegetables in addition to the above named
ration which amounts to double the amount prices
of the other rations.

What I want to know is whether
or it would not be well to define what the rations
allowed the employees should be composed of: and
then the price per ration could be fixed according
to the current prices paid for said articles
Under the present system where on one plan-
tation the planter furnishes meat, meal or flour,
Sugar & Coffee & on a neighboring plantation the
Employee only furnishes meat, Hands Meal or flour
it gives the employees room to complain and
become dissatisfied

I do not think that four pounds of meat
and a peck of meal should be regarded as
a "full and substantial ration" and in instances
have not regarded it as such, and in order to
do what is right and just, I would like to
hear from you upon the question

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A. L.
Dº Vallis Bluff. Ark. May 21st 1866

Pay Master Genl. U.S.A.
Washington D. C.
General

I have the honor
to make the following statement as regards the case of Almond
Austin late Pvt. Co. "D" 113th U.S.C.T.
His wife Silvia Austin claims his pay from Feb. 28th
'66 to August 16th 1865, from the date when last paid until
death. His clothing account was settled up to date of last payment
& that the claimant think there is nothing due for clothing
he was mustered with his Co. until sent to Post Hospl. So to the
best of his knowledge & from all the facts I can obtain there
never was any charges on "Pay Roll" against him. Nor
was he ever reported as a deserter or court Martialed
Having died in the Post Hospital and the Regt.
being mustered out until the records forwarded
to me all the facts I can gather.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W. S. McCullough
1st Lieut & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Dated Bluff. ark. May 27th 1864

Capt D. A. Williams
A. A. Gen'l. Bureau R. F. & S. L.
Captain

In compliance with your letter dated May 24th which I received yesterday inquiring about a difficulty that was alledged to have taken place between an officer of the Bureau and the officers of the St. Genl at this place I have the honor to make the following statement of the facts in the case just as they took place between me and the officers of the Str. Genl as I suppose I am the man that had the difficulty with the said officers. if such it can be called. of which you will be able to judge. Three weeks ago when the Genl was lying here a negro man went on board to go to Memphis. and applied to be allowed to travel upon the Cabin deck with the Barber and the other hands: but the Clerk (Mr. Sullivan) as soon as he saw him in the Cabin. ordered him to go below as the Cabin was no place for him but the negro commenced talking about wanting to stay upon Cabin deck with the barber. and that he had money to pay his passage. When the Clerk drew his revolver and drove him from the boat just as she was leaving the wharf. The negro applied to me for justice & sent a statement of the affair to your office. which came back with an endorsement to the effect that "Under the 'Civil Rights Bill' the negro could ride the boat the same as a white man" and that "the case ought to be tried before a court of Admiralty" there being no such Court here I advised the man to take the case to Memphis and place it into the hands of a good Lawyer and gave him a statement of

the facts to carry to the Supt. of the Bureau at Memphis that he might aid him. Calculating to say nothing to any one about the matter. But a week from that time the Capt. was again lying at the wharf and no other boat had left since he had left one a week before. being well acquainted with the officers of the boat I went down on the boat and just as I got on the Cabin deck I noticed the negro on deck with the Clerk after him to drive him from the boat I stepped up to Sullivan the clerk and told him I wished to speak with him he immediately went with me to his office when we both sat down and I enquired of him about what had led to the difficulty which he related to me about as others had done. I talked the matter over mildly with him not a harsh word passed between us about the matter. He wanted me to issue an order to keep the negro off the boat but I told him I could not stop the man from working. Sullivan said he had better be kept off the boat or there would be trouble. Having always been friendly with the officers I advised the Clerk to be cautious and not act rashly as it would only bring him into trouble and I then got up and left the boat on as friendly terms with the officers as ever.

The Maj. Comdg. Post will corroborate the foregoing statement which is correct. As for an agent of the Bureau getting into a difficulty with the officers of the St. McLean I have never heard of it before receiving your letter. I enquired of the Maj about it but he says he has never heard of any difficulty of any kind and I know that the officers of the Steamer McLean always take negroes on board upon application. I presume you are aware of the fact that in being Freedmen Agent I have to do many things that are not likely to gain the good will of many of the people but I must say that the people of the County where all my important cases happen are well pleased with all my decisions upon all cases that have been brought before me. It is mostly those men that complain who have been in the U.S. Army and are going around town like this making a living by doing some kind of a Grocery store or saloon and who have nothing to do with the negro, but who have nothing else to talk about.

I have made arrangements with the Civil authorities for them to take up all cases of difficulty (with the exception of settlement for labor) and I will attend the trial to see that the freedmen are justified. I am satisfied when the report that I cashed you started from but I shall take no notice of it at all. I wish to do in my position is my duty and nothing more or less. and that I will do despite the slanders of all outsiders. All that I can ask is when such reports reach you that you will let me know and I will give you a correct statement of all that happens.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
W. J. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt R. C. & A. L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
DeValls Bluff Ark. May 28th 1866

Capt. D.H. Williams
A.A. Gen'l Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Captain.

I have the honor to forward to your office my Monthly Report of rations issued during the month to destitute Refugees & Freedmen during the month of May 1866.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
W.S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
DeValls Bluff Ark May 31st 1866

Capt. Holley Skinner
A.Q.M. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Captain.

I have the honor to forward to your office my monthly return of funds received and expended during the month of May 1866 accompanied with the necessary abstracts & vouchers

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W.S. McCullough
1st Lt. & Supt. R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
DeValls Bluff Ark May 31st 1866

John Wilson
3rd Auditor U.S. Treasury
Washington D.C.
Sir

I have the honor to forward to your office through the office of Capt Holley Skinner A.Q.M. Bureau of R.F. & A.L. for this & the my Monthly account of funds received and expended an account of the rations of R.F. & A.L. issued the month of May 1866 accompanied with the necessary abstracts and vouchers pertaining thereto

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
W.S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. F.F. & A.L.
DeValls Bluff Ark June 2nd 1866

Lieut W.M. Colber
Supt Freedmens Schools
Little Rock Ark
Lieut

I have the honor to forward direct to your office my report of schools as furnished me by the teachers of the same for the month of May 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Lieut
1st Lt W.S. McCullough Supt F.F. & A.L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
De Vals Bluff Ark June 4th 1864

Capt John Tyler
In charge Claim Div
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Captain

I have the honor to forward receipt for the following number of Blanks from your office

5 Blanks. Power of Attorney
13 " Declaration for Minor Heirs Army Pen
13 " " " Widows " "
7 " Fathers Application for Arrears of Army Pay & Bo
10 " Widows " " " " " " "
5 " Mothers " " " " " "
2 " Brothers & Sisters " " " " "
2 " Fathers Application for arrears of Navy pay and Bo
4 " Widows " " " " " " "
2 " Mothers " " " " " "
4 " Application for onboard Bounty for enlistment in the Navy or Marine Corps
4 Blanks Declaration for arrears of pay & Bounty
3 Blanks Application for arrears of pay and Bounty on account of transfer to Navy from the Army
1 Blank Applications for Arrears & Claimant

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
De Vals Bluff Ark June 4th 1864

Capt Wally Skinner
A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Captain

I have the honor to forward to your office in Duplicate. Estimate of Funds required for the service of the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. at this place for the month of June 1864

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
De Vals Bluff Ark
July 5th 1864

Lieut O. M. Colby
Supt of Freedmens Schools
Little Rock Ark

Lieut.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Schools as forwarded me by the Teachers of same for the month of June 1864

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Ft Valls Bluff Ark
July 5th 1866

Capt H. Skinner
A. Q. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith duplicate Estimate of funds required for the service of the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. at this place for the month of July 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Ft Valls Bluff Ark
July 7th 1866

Capt H. Skinner
A. Q. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers pertaining to my business as Supt R. F. & A. L. for the mo. of June 1866 viz =

No. 1 Form 10 Acct.-current
" 2 " 13 Abst. B. with vouchers

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Ft Valls Bluff Ark
July 7th 1866

Hon John Wilson
3rd Aud. U. S. Treasury

I have the honor to forward through the Office of A. Q. M. of the Bureau of R. F. & A. L. the following papers pertaining to my business as Supt R. F. & A. L. for the month of June 1866 viz =

No 1 Form 10 — Account current
" 2 " 13 — Abst. "B" with vouchers

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Ft Valls Bluff Ark
July 12th 1866

Hon John Wilson
3rd Aud. U. S. T.

I have the honor to forward through the Office of A. Q. M. of the Bureau R. F. & A. Lands the following papers pertaining to my Business as Supt R. F. & A. Lands for the month of July 1866 viz =

No. 1 Form 2 Report Persons Hired
" 2 " 10 Account Current
" 3 " 13 Abst. B with Vouchers
" 4 " Receipt of Funds transfered to Office

Very Respy Your Obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt R. F. & A. Lands,
De Valls Bluff Ark
July 12 — 1866

Capt H. C. Skinner
A. A. G. Bu. Bureau R. F. & A. Lands
Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following papers pertaining to my business as Supt R. F. & A. Lands for the mo. of July 1866 — viz

No 1 Form 2 Oath Persons & articles
" 2 " 10 Acct current
" 3 " 13 Acct "B" with Vouchers
" 4 Receipt of funds transferred to Officers

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
W. S. McCullough
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark July 31st 1866

Capt. H. C. Skinner
A. A. G. Bu. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Captain

I have the honor to forward herewith my Return with Vouchers for the month ending on the 31st of July 1866

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark
August 17th 1866.

Colonel D. H. Williams
A. A. G. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark;

Col, I have the honor to request an order for transportation for Mrs Jane Page, widow, and four children, indigent refugees, to Prospect Hill White Co. Ark on the Little Red River.

I am Col.
Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt
Geo. W. Willis
1st Lieut & Bvt Maj.
B. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark July 31st

Mr John Wilson
3rd Auditor U. S. Treasury
Washington D. C.
Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith my return for the month ending July 31st 1866
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W. S. McCullough
2nd Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.

Bureau of R. E. & A. L.
For Arkansas & Indian Territory
Office, Asst. Com.
Little Rock Ark Dec 8th 1866

Special Orders
No 99

Extract

IIIII Lieut D. F. Willis 42nd U.S.C.T. is hereby relieved from duty as Supt and Pro Mast for Prairie Co and that portion of Monroe Co west of White river, at DeVals Bluff Ark (Prairie Co) and will turn over to Lt. W. S. McCullough, the books, papers, and records pertaining to his office. He will then report in person to this office for orders

By command of
Bvt Major Genl. E. D. C. Asst. Adjt. Gen.
(Signed) John [illegible]
Lieut 42nd U.S.C.T. Bvt Maj Gen'l
A. A. A. General

W. S. McCullough
DeVals Bluff Ark

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Arkansas Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Ark Dec 8th 1866

Special Orders
No 99

Extract

4 Wm S. McCullough is hereby appointed Supt. R. F. & A. L. for Prairie Co. and Thos Monroe Co. vice Thibeline rel. De Vals Bluff Prairie Co. with a salary of $100 per month subject to the approval of the Commissioner of this Bureau

He will receive from Lieut D. F. Willis 2nd Cav U.S.A. the books papers and records pertaining to the office

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By command of
Bvt Major Genl E.O.C. Ord A.A.G.

(Signed) John Eyre
Lieut U.S.A. & A.A.G. Dist Vals
A. A. A. General

W. S. McCullough
De Vals Bluff
Arkansas

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
De Vals Bluff Ark Dec 10th 66

John Eyre
Bvt Maj U.S.A. A.A.G. D.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark
Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt and acceptance of my appointment as Supt R. F. & A. L. for the counties of Prairie and Monroe. Dated Dec 8th 1866, Enclosed please signed Bond signed and oath of office sworn to. In accepting the appointment I shall endeavour to discharge the duties of my office in good faith as I understand it, to the best of my ability and to the satisfaction of the Army and shall endeavour to discharge my duty to Rebel & Citizen alike and in compliance with my orders with as little annoyance to the service

I am Collagues
Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
W. S. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

Forwarded Dec 11th 1866

Office Supt. R.F.& A.L.
De Vols Bluff Ark Dec

Bt Maj John Foley
A.A.G. R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark
Major

I would respectfully request that you
obtain authority for me to have
over my allotment of Forage &
if necessary, for the forage & the
upon which I can obtain Transp
portation. I have no house and
must keep a horse and
way for I have always found it
necessary to carry on my duties
to enforce the orders of the Bureau
and to see the negroes done by
Freedmen. As I could draw the
Forage part of Rations for
from the Q. M. Dept. the
same as any other expenses I
not be necessary for me to give one
orders for it. It is difficult to obtain
agents for transportation & forage
the adjutant's office, & should be
Rock. Little Rock soon entirely
connected with the Railroads. Will
it be necessary for me to be gazetted
here. or at the Head Quarters
transportation

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
C. McMillen
Supt R.F.& A.L.

Office Supt R.F.& A.L.
De Vols Bluff Ark Dec 22nd 66

Bt Brig Genl Thos Ewing Jr
A.A.G. R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark
Colonel

In compliance
with Circular No 81 Hd Qrs Dec 11th 1866
& Circulars dated Dec 20th 1866
from Bureau of R.F.& A.L. I have the
honor to report that I am
authorizing the purchase of Office
furniture, & would respectfully
request that you procure (if possible)
for the following articles of Office
furniture, to wit:

One Office Desk with pigeon holes
Three Office Chairs
One Book Stand with hinged top & pigeon holes
One Office Table, One Office Table
One Stove & Pipe

These articles of furniture belong to the Quarters
Assistant Superintendent which I
have given up to the Commanding
Officer, and if they could be purchased
for the Office and both save
trouble and expense
& oblige very much

Your Obt Servt
Brig Genl
Thos Ewing Jr
A.A.G. R.F.& A.L.

No. 1

Office R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls. Bluff Ark Jan 4th 1867

Col Henry Page
A. A. M. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to report that I have this day hired J. W. McClintock to clerk for me at one hundred dollars per month. let me know if it is all right

I am colonel
very respectfully
Your obt Servant
[signature]
Supt R. F. & A. L.

No. 2

Office R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark Jan 4th 1867

Major O. O. Howard
Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

General

In compliance with circular No. 12 from War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated Washington Dec 1st 1866 I have the honor to state that I am stationed at Duvalls Bluff Ark. as Supt R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie and Monroe, in which position my duties consist in making & approving Contracts for Freedmen and their employers settling difficulties connected with such contracts and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice and their rights in all cases. I was appointed by Special Order No. 99 Extract 4 from the Office of the Asst Com. B. R. F. & A. L. for Miss. & Ark. dated Little Rock Ark Dec 5th 1866

I am General
Very Respectfully your obt Svt
[signature]

No. 3

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls. Bluff Ark. Jan 4th 1867

Bt. Major. John Tyler
A. A. Adjt. Genl. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Major

I have the honor to report that I am gradually gaining information against the Regulators that whipped and beat so many Freedmen north of Ashley Station I have seen a good many of the planters from the neighborhood and talked with them about it and among them the magistrate that they threatened to kill if he rented any more land to Freedmen he is anxious to have them brought to justice but says that he can do nothing as they would waylay and kill him. I am now waiting to get the affidavit of one more person and then I think I will be ready to do something If the evidence turns out as I expect it I would like to have your opinion about an idea in regard to bringing them to trial that I have thought of, and which I am confident would have a good influence as well as putting the civil authorities to the test So that we can see on what ground they stand. I think that after I get what depositions I can to request or order the civil officer (the Sheriff of the County) to arrest them and bring them here for trial. and try them before a Bureau court organized for that purpose I think they could not help but comply with the request and that it would have a tendency to make them take up such cases hereafter and would also save us the trouble of sending a force after them two of the leaders in the affair have left the country those that were wounded by the freedmen and another one I have

requested the civil officers several times, when I was in charge of the office before Lieuts Willis relieved me, to arrest parties with which they readily complied I am satisfied from what I know of the people of any district, that this would be my best plan of bringing them to Justice let me hear what you think about it

I am Major
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Wm McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Lt. Col. Mc Cullough Supt. The action to be taken in this case should be in conformity to Par. 182 Circular No. 30 Series of 1866. As soon as you are ready for the force to assist you in this matter, Should such force be deemed necessary. It will be furnished upon your application to this office accompanied by the Papers provided by Circular No. 30

By command of Bvt. Maj. Genl Swayne
Asst Com. John Tyler Capt A.A.G.A.A.G.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark Jan 5th

Bvt. Maj. John Tyler
A.A. Adj. Genl B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

No. 4

Major.

I have the honor to request that I be allowed the use of the Post Hospital Building at this place for the purpose of a School house for the Freedmen until it is Sold by the Government

I am major
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

No. 5

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark Jan 7th

Brevt. Major John Tyler
A.A. Adjt Genl B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Major

I have the honor to forward the applications of Philip Huff [illegible]

fty for additional Bounty, from Par. 8th Circular No. 6. War Dept. B.R.F. & A.L. Claims Division dated Washington Oct. 10th 1866 I suppose they are entitled to two hundred ($200 00/100) dollars additional Bounty, besides the one hundred ($100 00/100) dollars already paid

I am major
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm McCullough
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

[illegible] share and Specification
[illegible] ned for correction
[illegible] May 31st 1867

No. 6

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark. Jan 7th

Mr. John Mayo
Indian Bay Ark

Sir

I received a letter from Memphis Tennessee through Head Quarters at Little Rock requesting information about the children of Hal Mayo four in number to wit: Moses, Katy, Henry and Sarah Hal Mayo wants them to join him and has made application to the Bureau at Memphis for information concerning them in compliance endorsements on said letter from H.Q. Dis at Little Rock. I have the honor to request that you give me all information concerning them. that you can as soon as possible

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm McCullough
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

No 7

Office Supt R. F. & L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark Jan 7th

Brevt Maj John Tyler
a.a.a. G. B. R. F. & L.
Little Rock ark

Major

I have not succeeded in getting any more information since I last wrote you about the ~~Indian~~ Raid near Austin. it is hard to get the people to make affidavit – they say that they dont know the parties but know all about the affair. and also other say were concerned in it. I have one more affidavit besides that one of Browns that you already have in your possession the latter one was all taken before I got the prescribed forms, the Sheriff of the county sent me word that he had done all he could to find out the parties, but could not get hold of any of them. I send you the affidavits and I think that I had better have some Soldiers and travel over the country up there and see if I cannot find some of the parties. I also got the letter of W. Ragland with your endorsement about the freedmen freed by Mr. Glover. to work for him against their will. he lives in the same neighborhood and it will be necessary to go there also to settle that call And I have several others of the same kind to make. So that I would respectfully request that a guard of five Soldiers (including one Sergt) be sent me mounted and equipped and supplied with a weeks rations also one extra horse for myself so that I may be enabled to make a thorough investigation of that call and all others that are now awaiting action if you think that the evidence is not sufficient I will still try and obtain more but. I must manage to get out in the country to settle the other cases somehow if I have to hire a horse from somebody If the Guard is sent send them as soon as possible Give instructions how I shall obtain forage

...ir the horses while out &c

Sam Major

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

W. J. McCullough

Supt R. F. & A. L.

No 8

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Duvalls. Bluff ark Jan. 9th 67

Bt. Maj Gen. Tyler

Comd'g R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock ark

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, this day, of my appointment as agent of the Bureau at this place from Genl Howard Commissioner

Sam Major

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt

W. J. McCullough

Supt. R. F. & A. L.

No 9

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff ark Jan 17

Bvt. Maj Jno Tyler
A A A Genl. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Major

I have the honor to forw
herewith the application of Gilpin Binion late
Co "F" 113th U. S. Colored Infty) for additional
Bounty due him for services rendered

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Serv't.
Wm S. McCullough
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Signed
J W McClintock Clerk — Supt. R. F. & A. L.

No 10

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
January 28th 1867

Brevt Col. Henry Page
A A. A. Genl B R F & A L.
Little Rock ark

I have the honor to
make application for the following blanks
to wit:

2. Doz blanks Application for ~~Back Pay~~ additional Bounty &
2. " " No 17 2. M. Depts
and 1 Copy of oath to be taken by officers clerks &c
also 1 Copy " Circular 28 from BRF & AL.
for Ark. and Ind. Terr. for 1866

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm S McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

No 11

Office Supt. R F & AL.
Duvalls. Bluff ark
January 25th 1867

Holloway
upt R F & AL.
Somerville Tenn

Dear Sir

Austin Dillard (col)
Monroe County hired a colored man of
his county by the name of Peter Trigue (alias)
Rivers. And I have approved the contract Said
Peter wanted money to go to somerville to
ring his wife here. And the said austin gave
him the money and the said Peter has not
returned. but has hired to one Orlando Brown
f your place. Under existing Orders the said
Austin is entitled to his (Peters) wages if he
will not fulfil his contract — I hereby require
that you look up the party and tell him how
the matter stands and tell him to come
back and fulfil his contract — or collect his
wages and send to me and I will hand
over to said Austin and oblige him by
nforcing the Orders of the Bureau on said
eter

Respectfully
Wm S McCullough
Supt R F & AL.

No 12

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Arkansas
January 31st 1867

Brevt. Col Henry Page
A.Q.M.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

In compliance with your letter of January 26th I have the honor to report that the ground upon which the Quarter masters Hospital stands has not been laid off in town lots but is held as a reserve by Grier the owner or his heirs it is not used for a school for colored children as I understood it was to be turned over to the Bureau for that purpose and have been awaiting the order before occupying it I understand from Pat H Wheat the agent for the ground that it cannot be purchased on any condition

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W S McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 13.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls. Bluff Ark's
January 31st 1867

Brt. Col Henry Page
A.Q.M. R.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Col

I have the honor to forward herewith Vouchers for my expenses during the month of January 1867 Enclosed filed oath sworn and subscribed to before Lieut McClintock my clerk I have on hand about half of the wood I purchased and will be enough to do me next month I have paid for all my purchases out of my own pocket also will want so that you can send me a check for the whole amount I have on hand $ 24.60 which I collected as fees during the month on contracts which you can deduct out of the whole amount and send me a receipt for it or I will send it to you as you chose

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. S McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 14

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
February 4th 1867

Brevt Col Henry Page
A.Q.M. R.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

In compliance with your letter of the 1st Inst. I have the honor to report that the ground under fence and occupied by the Quartermasters Hospital at this place is one hundred and forty feet in width and one hundred and forty five in length. I have again seen the agent for the ground and he told me that he could not tell what rate of rent would satisfy the owners for the ground without first consulting them when he would do immediately in writing.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt. W. S. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 15

Office supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
February 4th 1867

Bt. Col Henry Sage
A.A.A Genl R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith a form of contract used by most of the planters in my district of which I would like you to have one hundred copies printed and sent to me as soon as possible as I have to write all my contracts And General Ord told me yesterday that I could have them printed by sending to Hd Qrs If you have any forms printed that is any ways near like it they will do instead of printing any of this form

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H S McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

Signed
J. M. Mc

No 16

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls. Bluff ark
February 4th 1867

Maj Genl O O Howard
Comr B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

In compliance with Circullar No 12 from War Dept. B.R.F. & A.L. dated Washington Dec 1st 1866 I have the honor to state that I am still stationed at this place as Supt R.F. & A.L. for the counties of Prairie and Monroe My duties con[illegible]

for Freedmen and their Employers
settling difficulties about compensation
for Labor and to see that the Freedmen ob-
tain justice in suits brought before the
civil courts. I was appointed by Special
Order No 99 Extract 4 from the Office of
the assistant-commissioner B.R.F. & A.L.
for Miss and Ark dated Little Rock Ark
December 3rd 1866 also by appointment
from Major General O O Howard dated
December 28th 1866

Your General
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. S. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 17

Office Supt R.F. & A.L
Duvals Bluff Ark
February 3rd 1867

H. (H.) William Goodman
County Clerk of Prairie Co
Brownsville Ark

Please attach
Certificate as to the genuineness of the sig
nature and seal of the Justice of the peace to
the affidavit herewith enclosed and Oblige
Respectfully
Wm S. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 18

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff ark
February 5th 1867

Brevt Col Henry Page
A.A.Genl R.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to request admittance to the Freedmens Hospital at Little Rock Ark for one Indigent woman (Colored) now at this place who cannot walk and has no use of one arm She is a Standing Expense to the Bureau at this place I would also request transportation for her (Ann Sanders) to Little Rock from this place

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. L. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 19

Office Supt R.F. & A.L
Duvalls Bluff ark
February 5th 1867

Brevt Col Henry Page
A.A.Genl
R.R.F. & A.L

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of one copy of the Bureau Officers Manual this day

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W L McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 20

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark.
February 11th 1867

Wm Goodwin
County Clerk
Prairie County

Sir

Enclosed please find Official affidavits taken before Squire Peoples & which please certify and oblige

Your Obt. Servant
W. F. M. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.
for. Prairie & Monro. Co.

No 21

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
February 11th 1867

Bvt. Lt Col Henry Page
A. A. G. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith the following vouchers and other papers to Wit :-

Vouchers for Postage
" " Transportation and Requisition for fuel and oath with stamps attached

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. F. M. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

№ 22.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Bayou's Bluff Arkansas
February 11th 1867

Brevt Lt. Col. Henry Sage
A. A. Genl. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith the application of Crispin Pinaire Private Co. K. 113th U. S. C. Infty for additional Bounty for services rendered

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. H. H. Cullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.

№ 23.

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Bayou's Bluff Ark.
February 13th 1867

Lt. Maj. John Foster
A. A. A. Genl. R. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Major

I have the honor to make the following statement in regard to one Haywood Branch of White County, nearly a year ago a colored woman by the name of Ann Branch came to me and applied to me to get her childrem for her from the said Branch. I gave her a letter to Mr Branch instructing him to give the woman her childrem She went after her childrem but he refused to give them up after this a civilian Superintendent was appointed in White county and She applied to him several times to get her childrem but failed She again applied to me a

short time ago and I sent her Branch.
Another letter. but he refused to give up the
children and I understood from good
authority that he appeared at Court and
swore that the woman would not come
and take her children away and by that
means get them bound to him by the court
I know that this woman has tried twice
and again to get her children but he
refused to give them up. I should like to
have some instructions about the case White
County is not in my district or I should
have seen the matter through from the start

Yours Respectfully
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No. 21

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Arkansas
February 18th 1867

Brevt Maj. Jno Tyler
Assistant B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Major

I have the honor to forward herewith applications of John Burges. and Isaac Gilson late of Co. B 43d U.S. Col. Inft — for additional Bounties

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 25

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Dundy Bluff Ark
February 20th 1867

Bvt. Major Gen'l Fyler
A. A. Genl B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Major

Owing to many difficulties arising from planters having orphan (Colored) children in their possession which they refuse to give up to the childrens nearest relatives upon their application. I would respectfully request that a circular be issued defining our duty towards such children and what course we shall pursue when planters refuse to give them up upon our ordering them to do so. In many cases the planters refuse to let them go and keep them in their employ against their will and in some cases I know of them having the children bound to them by the county court against their will and in some cases against their parents will I would also suggest that it would be well to issue a circular making it obligatory upon the planters to have their contracts approved by an agent of the Bureau in order to save trouble during the coming year for many of them are not having their contracts approved and I find that in many cases where their contracts are not made or approved by an agent of the Bureau, advantage is taken of the freedmens ignorance which will cause us a great deal of trouble during the coming year I only offer this as a suggestion believing from what I know of the difficulties that arise where contracts are not approved that it will be necessary to save us a great deal of trouble and a great deal of dissatisfaction on the part of both parties concerned when it comes to

a settlement—

I am Major
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Serv
W J McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 26

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duralls. Bluff Ark
February 25th 1867

To the Supt R.F. & A.L.
Natchez Miss
Sir

Information is wanted at this office in regard to the whereabouts of a colored girl by the name of Jennie Mayo Taylor.— She left here about one year ago with some discharged soldiers of the 6th U.S. Cavalry that were going to Natchez and is supposed to be in that District— now her mother is very anxious to hear from her and wishes her to return to this place She was owned formerly by Mr Mayo, and subsequently by a Mr Taylor any information you can furnish in regard to her will be much appreciated by her mother

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Serv't
W J McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 27

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
February 20th 1867

Bvt. Col Henry Page
A.A.G. M. D. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Feb. 19th 1867 with check on Merchts. Mechanics Bank of Little Rock for Sixteen and 24/100 dollars for five days pay in December 1866

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
W.F. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L

No 28

Office supt. R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark's
February 27th 1867

Brt. Col. Henry Page
a.a.g. m. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to transmit the following named enclosed vouchers for payment to Wit:—

1	W.F. McCullough	for Services
2	J.W. McClintock	" "
3.	Levy & Co	voucher
4	Telegram.	"
5	transportation	"
6	Postage	"
7	Jane Gillispie	"
8	B.D. Williams	House Rent

Very respectfully
Your obs't Serv't
W. McCullough
Supt R.R. & T. A.L.

No. 28

Office Supt R.R. & T. A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
March 8th 1867

Bvt. Col. Henry Page
A.Q.M. R.R. & T. A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

Your letter of the 7th inst. requesting me to send original Orders No. 107 (series 1866) and No. 1 of 1867 authorizing me to make journeys to Clarendon and Duvall's Bluff Ark. has just been received & made out my Vouchers for actual fare in traveling according to Art. 841 par. 11 of the Officers Manual R.R. & T. A.L. & have already made two journeys on the same order and will have to make several more. How will I be able to send you the original order every time I make out a set of vouchers if you will inform me how I will do when. I have to make another trip I will send the original ~~voucher~~ Order but if I have once dispose of it I have no authority for making any journeys unless I get a Special Order for every trip I make

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Serv't
W. McCullough
Supt R.R. & T. A.L.

No 30

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Juniata Bluff Ark
March 8th 1867

1st Lt. Jno Tyler
A.A.A. Genl R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark's

Lieut

I recieved yesterday duplicate copies of a letter written to P.H. Wheat by Brvt. Col Henry Page A.D.M. concerning the 2.M. Hospital at this place, which was turned over to Col Page and afterward sold by Col Montgomery A.D.M and I would respectfully make the following statement concerning the building for your consideration When I made application for the building I was anxious to get it for School purposes, there being plenty of Freedmen here to support a school but since I made that application (Jan 5th) nearly all the Freedmen with families have removed from here to plantations so that there is not children enough in town to sustain a small School and consequently I do not think it would be best to keep the building, (at a probable cost of twenty five or thirty dollars a month rent for the ground the building stands on) when there are not children enough to have a School If I could get up a school I would be for holding on to the building but as there are not Children enough I think it would be a dead expense on the Bureau and productive of little good When Col Montgomery sold the building I was satisfied that it was best and therefore I did not mention the matter of its being sold until I recieved a communication from Col Page about the matter as I supposed that Col Montgomery had again taken possession of the building since the sale a month ago P.H. Wheat has made arrangements by himself lumber and employing carpenters who are already at work at a cost of about nine hundred dollars to remodel the building and is still going on with the work So that I think that it would be best to let the sale remain as it is I only offer

building would incur considerable considerable
expense and be productive of but little good with
the present population of Freedmen

I am Lieut
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
W J McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No. 31

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
March 12th 1867

Brt. Col Henry Page
A.D.M. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Col

In compliance with
your letter of the 7th Inst. I have the honor to enclose
herewith the S.O.s therein required. If practible
I should like to have them returned

I am Colonel
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W J McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

No 32.

Office Supt R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark
March 14th 1867

Bvt. Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th Inst. enclosing Check for Voucher for expenses during the month of February which I have the honor to return for your signature, after which please return as soon as possible and for the whole amount of Expenses if possible

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W.F. McCullough
Supt R.F. & A.L.

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No 33.

Office agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Duvalls Bluff Ark's
March 22nd 1867

Lieut John Tyler
A.A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieut-

I have the honor to make the following statement of a case now before me for action and upon which I ask your advice — Some time ago when I was on a tour of inspection through the northern portion of Prairie County I was called upon to make a settlement between one Nancy Boyles a widow and her hands as she refused to pay them and had not paid them anything but had sold their cotton, at the same time she had disposed of her share but had not given them any of the proceeds I made a careful examination of the accounts existing between the two parties

nd then had her give me a note for what I
onsidered was justly due the hands which she
aid she would pay when due withouts any
rouble & left said note in possession of a
ivil officer of the neighborhood to collect the note
has been sent me with a statement that she
efuses to pay it now how will I proceed to
ake her do it if I take recourse to the civil au
horities she will take advantage of the stay law
and the freedmen who ought to have had their
hare of the crop will probably be kept out of
heir just dues for years please advise me in
he case

I am Lieut
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
W S McCullough
agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent B. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark April 24

Bvt Lieut Henry Page
A. A. G. M. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward the following vouchers
of expenses for the month of April 1867
Viz:

Transportation
Office Rent &
Moving office

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W S McCullough
Agent B R F & A L

No 86

Office Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
De Vall Bluff Ark. Dec 15th 1866

Major Genl O.O. Howard
Comr B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

General

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circ. No 12 from the War Dept. B.R.F. & A.L. dated Washington D.C. Dec 1st 1866 & have the honor to state that I am still stationed at De Vall Bluff Ark. Agent B.R.F. & A.L. for the counties of Prairie & Monroe in which position my duties consist in mustering and approving contracts for Freedmen and their employers settling difficulties connected with such contracts. and to see that Freedmen obtain justice before the civil authorities & have appointed by Major Gen'l E.R. Canby & from the office of the Asst Comr. B.R.F. & A.L. for Ark and Asst Asst Comr for Ark Dec 5th 1866

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J.H. Woodbury
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

No 86

Office Agent B.F.F.C. & A.L.
De Roals Blackfeet Agency 30th May 67

1st Lieut John Byler
A.A.A.Gen. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Lieut -

I have the honor to state that I am in receipt of a letter dated 20th inst from Mr. H.M. McCulloch declining the appointment tendered him as Clerk at this Agency

I am Lieut -
Your Obt Servt
Jno. McCulloch
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

No 87

Office Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
De Roals Blackfeet May 6th 67

1st Lieut J. E. Bennett
A.A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Lieut -

I have the honor to report that I have received a communication from Mr. Nicholas Sylvester Probate Judge of Meagher County in relation to the case of Ann Branch (wife) U.S. Registered Branch. Stating that a writ of habeas Corpus has been issued from the Probate Court in the case of the recovery of the children who were apprenticed to the said Branch with their consent & he prays that the same be returnable to the next term of the Court which will commence

on the 18th Inst at which time he assures me the case shall be duly prosecuted according to its merits. He further states that the case cannot have been disposed of before this time, but was adjourned on motion of Attorney for Sun Branch who was absent at the time he also states that he has made inquiries & requested the Constables and from all he can learn the chickens will be returned by their owners and that after the case is disposed of he will write me again.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
F. D. Coulson
Capt 3 U.S.A.

No 88

Office Agent F.B.R.F. & A.L.
De Vals Bluff Ark May 15th 1867

Bvt Lieut Henry Dale
A.D.C. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieutenant

I have the honor herewith to acknowledge the receipt of check No 986 on the Chemists Nat Bank of Little Rock Ark for Eleven (11) Dollars in payment of my expenses for Dispatch agent duty from the 1st to the 15th of April 1867

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
F. D. Coulson
Capt 3 U.S.A.

No 89

Office Agent B.R.L. & N.O.
De Valls Bluff Ark May 19th 61

Bt Col Henry Page
A.D.C. to B.R. & L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel

I have the honor to return herewith vouchers for services during April and ask that the same be approved by Col McClintock & paid as soon as he arrives. Should any of the vouchers be rejected I will comply with all orders and regulations but there are so many changes and so frequent that it is almost impossible to keep pace with them

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
W.J. McCullough
Agent B.R. & L.R.

No 90

Office Agent B.R. & L.R.
De Valls Bluff Ark May 19th 61

Bt Lt Col Henry Page
A.D.C. to B.R. & L.R.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of check No 410 on the Merchants Nat. Bank of Little Rock for One Hundred and Ninety Eight dollars in payment of vouchers for services rendered during April 1861

Very Respectfully Your Obedient Servt
W.J. McCullough Agent B.R. & L.R.

No 41

Office Agent B.R.F.& A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark May 24th 63

Bvt Lieut Henry Page
A.Q.M. B.R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor herewith to forward vouchers for officers rent for the month of June 1863 and vouchers for Postage and coal oil for the Month of May 1863

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J.P. McCulloch
Agent B.R.F.& A.L.

No 42

Office Agent B.F.F.- A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark May 27th 63

Bvt Lieut Henry Page
A.Q.M. B.R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of check on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark Fourteen dollars in payment of officers rent for the month of April 1863 and for Postage and legal oil for the month of May 1863

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J.P. McCulloch
Agent B.R.F.& A.L.

Office Agent B.R.L. & M.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark June 24th 61

Lieut Col Henry Page
A.A.G. M.B.R.L. & M.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers for the purchase of coal oil, and postage stamps for the month of June 61 & also have the honor to make application for one dozen blanks of B & M's Dep't Please send them by return mail and oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Servt
W. H. McCullough
Agent B.R.L. & M.L.

Office Agent B.R.L. & M.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark June 27th

Lieut Col Henry Page
A.A.G. M.B.R.L. & M.L.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers for cash paid for coal oil for this fleet at Indian Bay and Black River & forwarded my last vouchers & sent my order with them and will be glad to have it returned and direct as I have to travel nearly all the time and it is the only order I have to travel about & place it with the vouchers and return the order when the vouchers are paid. Very Respt Your Obdt Servt

W. H. McCullough Agent

No 1 D.

Office Agent B.R. & A.
De Valls Bluff Ark June 28th 64

Bvt Col Henry Page
A. Q. M. B.R. & A.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have
the honor to acknowledge the receipt
of Four (4) Apellans on requisitions of
Vouchers for Postage Quarterly due
& for the month of June 1864
& also Regulations
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J. Bellenbaugh
Agent B.R. Clerk

Office Agent B.R. & A.
De Valls Bluff Ark July

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Bvt Col Henry Page
A. Q. M. B.R. & A.
Little Rock Ark

Col

I have the
honor to again forward Vouchers
for actual Cost of Transportation to
Appelian Dayton Buck & Thought
& had furnished the Regulations when
I came to look over My file of Vouchers
again & found the Order authorizing
me to make the journey which
I enclose with official copy
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J. Bellenbaugh
Agent B.R. & A.

Office Agent B.R. ✠ & L.
Devalls Bluff Ark July 10th 64

1st Lieut John E. Bennett
A.A.A.G. B.R. ✠ & L.
Little Rock
Ark

Lieut —

I have the honor to state that it is positively necessary that I should travel over my District a good portion of my time. and having no means of transportation I have to go by boat to certain points on the river in order to get to different parts of my district. and therefore I respectfully request an order to go from this place to

Des Arc and return to
Clarendon and return to
Indian Bay and return and to
Brownsville and return. these being the four principle points from which I can strike out into different parts of my District the last trip I took my order. (the same as the one now desired) was such as I had performed a journey to each place mentioned in the order & the orders could be issued in such a manner as to answer one for more than one trip to each place which would save one a good deal of trouble

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. J. McCullough
Agent B.R. ✠ & L.

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Office Agent. B.R. Ft. & A.S.
De Vals Bluff Ark July 17th 6

Bt Col Henry Page
A.C. M.G. B.R. Ft. & A.S.
Little Rock Ark

Col

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of check on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock for the sum of (4) Thirteen Dollars in payment of bonus for Reenlistment of Enlisted men of Company Recruited by Corporal Daniel Buck

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W.J. McCullough
Agent B.R. Ft & A.S

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Office Agent. B.R. Ft. & A.S.
De Vals Bluff Ark July 28th 6

Bt Col Henry Page
A.C. M.G. B.R. Ft. & A.S.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to request that you forward me my allowance of Stationary for the present Quarter Please send me as much as possible for I have had to buy more than I Expected during last Quarter Send me Small Envelopes as I have enough of the Large ones to do me this Quarter and more of my correspondence is throughout my District

I am Col. Yours
Very Respectfully
W.J. McCullough
Agent B.R. Ft & A.S.

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Office Agent. B.R.F. & A.L.
De Vals Bluff Ark June 28th 67

Bvt Genl Henry Page
A.A.G.B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark
Colonel

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers for Postage and Medical Attendance upon an indigent Freedwoman for the month of June 1867

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W.J. McConnell Agt, &c

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Office Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
De Vals Bluff Ark June 29th 67

1st Lieut John E. Bennett
A.D.C. A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to make application for the admittance of an indigent Freedwoman and child to the Freedmens Hospital Little Rock Also transportation for herself child and one to accompany them from Des Arc by Steamer to this place and thence over the Railroad to Little Rock Freedwomans name is Bush and being blind I shall have to send some one with her and would prefer both will have to have transportation

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully &c
Your Obdt Servt
W.J. McConnell
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent B.R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark July 29th

Bvt Lieut Henry Page
A.A.G.M. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieutenant

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of check No 588 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock in payment of vouchers for services rendered, and officers for the month of June 1869

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent B.R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark July 31st

W.M. Colby
Supt of Education
Little Rock Ark

Sir

I take this opportunity of addressing you to inquire if there is some assistance to support a school here among the colored people Gen Sanders desires to open a school among them here but they are not able to pay him enough to pay his board & would like it very much if you could allow him a small salary each month as I would like to get a school started here to continue during the winter Please let me hear from you soon

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Agent B. R. Ch. & A. C.
De Vals Bluff Ark Aug 11th 1867

Bt. Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith
Asst. Genl. B. R. F. & A. C.
Little Rock Ark

General

I have the honor to enclose herewith Vouchers for Medical Attendance upon an Indigent Freedwoman which I have furnished Once to Each Page. and which have been returned with endorsements to the effect that the payment cannot be made. This woman's case is the one I spoke to you about when you were last at my office and which account I enclosed with a view to say if you approved of it. I still hope you will do so for I employed the Doctor as the woman's case was a very bad one. and I promised on his part the civil authorities to do anything with her.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J. J. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. C.

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De Vall Bluff Ark Aug 27th 8

Bvt Lieut Henry Page
A.Q.M. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to forward the following vouchers for expenses incurred during the month of Aug 1865
Bonds - Vouchers for transportation, Postage and Coal oil

I am Lieut
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
W.H. Woodbury
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

54 Office Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
De Vall Bluff Ark Aug 27

Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of R.F. & A.L.
Dept of Tennessee

General

I have the honor to state that a colored woman by the name of Phillis Da[illegible] living in Monroe Co of this State has made application to me to recover her child from her. Her child Eliza Jane Oats has been apprenticed to one Mrs Fanny Oats of Salisbury Penn, her former Mrs Beth an owner and that she has written for the child several times and that Mrs Oats promised to send her the child but has not done so yet I am through the Agents of the Bureau can recover the child you will greatly oblige her

Very Respectfully Your Obdt Servt
W.H. Woodbury Agent B.R.F. &

Office Agent Bureau R. F.ᵈ & A. L.
Del Valle's Bluff, Arkansas,
September 1ˢᵗ, 1867.

Major General O. O. Howard
Comᵈʳ Bureau R. F.ᵈ & A. L.
Washington D. C.

General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12. from the War Deptᵗ, B. R. F.ᵈ & A. L. dated Washington, D. C. December 1ˢᵗ, 1866, I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent, Bureau R. F.ᵈ & A. L. for the Counties of Pulaski and Monroe —. My duty consists in making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their employees; settling difficulties for compensation about labor, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the civil courts. — I was appointed by Special Order, no. 99, Extract 4, from the Office of the Asst: Commissioner B. R. F.ᵈ & A. L., for Mississippi and Arkansas, dated Little Rock, Ark., December 8ᵗʰ, 1866, also by appointment from Major General O. O. Howard, dated December 28ᵗʰ, 1866.

I am General,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obᵈᵗ. Servᵗ.
W. F. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
De Valls Bluff Ark: Sept: 2: 186

Bᵗ Brigᵗ Genˡ: C.H. Smith,
Asstˡ Comᵗʳ, B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
Little Rock, Ark:,

General,

I have the honor to make application to have my wages to be increased to one hundred and fifty dollars per month, for the following reason: I have to travel over my District a great deal to perform my duties, and in doing so it takes nearly all my Salary to pay my bills when travelling, and as Agents are allowed One hundred and fifty dollars per Month, I would respectfully request that my salary be increased to that amount from Septᵉ 1ˢᵗ, 1867.

I am Genˡ very Respᵗ
Your obdtˡ Servt:
J. M. Alldredge
Agent B.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.

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Office Agt: B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
De Valls Bluff. Arkansas,
September 5ᵗʰ, 1867.

Bᵗ Brigᵗ Genˡ C.H. Smith,
Asstˡ Comᵗʳ, B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

General:

I have the honor of enclosing a letter from B.S. Anthoney, a Justice of the Peace for Arkansas County, and Affadavit of James Skelton, who has been severely whipped by Sam Mitchel, and Culds of the same county. The said James came to my Office with the complaint this morning, and I have taken his affadavit immediately - Arkansas County is not in my District, and I know of no Agent of the Bureau being Stationed there, but suggested to General Ord several times that there ought to be one Stationed there, as such outrages are frequent, and the Civil Authorities are powerless to act, as they would be killed themselves. - Skies Ould and Mitchel have been in several difficulties, and have always escaped - They live some eight or ten miles west of Aberdeen on the Little Rock Road to that place - I am anxious that they should be arrested and tried by a Military Commission, as I examined the man's back, and it is badly cut — The man Ould's is especially a bad case - Captain Gibson can tell you enough about him - I wish you could send me a squad of three or four soldiers mounted and equipped to be stationed here so I could attend to such cases at once without so much delay.

I am General, very Respectfully,
Your obdtˡ Servant.
J. M. Alldredge
Agent B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.

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Office Agt: B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
Septᵉ 13ᵗʰ, 1867.

Colonel Henry Page,
Disbursing Officer, B.R.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.,
Sir:

I have the honor to enclose vouchers for the Payment of Publishing Circular no. 7, Current Series from Office of Asstˡ Comᵈ R.R.ᵐᵉ A.L. for Arkˡ: which Orders ~~authorised~~ to have published last March by the Asstˡ Commissioner.

I am General, very Respᵗʸ: Your obdtˡ Servt:
J. M. Alldredge
Agtˡ B.F.ᵐᵉ A.L.

61. Office Asst. B.R.F.^d & A.L.
De Valls Bluff, Ark., Sept. 16th, 1865

Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Smith,
Asst. Comr., Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Sir:

I have the honor to forword a statement of the following case to you for decision as instructions how I shall proceed in settling the same. Last Spring, a man by name of Mason Oldem from New Helena made his appearance on the place of one Wiley Nichols near here and asked if one Alfred Simney (Cold:) lived there. Alfred was called and accused by the said Mason for stealing a pony from him three years before at Helena, while the said Mason was in the Confederate Army bushwhacking — Alfred denied the charge and Mason threatened to shoot him if he denied it, and told him he had a Writ for him and was going to take him to Brownsville, which he did, and before Attorney Jones was induced or constrained as he says by fear to sign a note for one hundred and fifty dollars - the worth of the Pony and the Lawyer made out a lien on his crop for the Payment of the note, but before it was complete, he slipped off home, and since then they have tried to get him to sign said lien, but he has refused to do so - the said Mason has brought no Proof that the Freedman did steal the Pony, but frightened him into signing the note which is now in possession of said Lawyer, Wm. T. Jones -

I have investigated the matter as much as possible, and think, from all that I can learn that Alfred is not guilty - No proof being brought against him - that the note ought to be taken out of the hands of the said Lawyer, and destroyed - Please advise me

how to act in such a case.

I am General, very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servt
J. F. Gallough
Capt. A. A. G.

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62. Office Agent, A. R. F. & M. A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Ark., Sept. 21st, 1864.

W. T. Jones,
Attorney at Law, Brownsville, Ark.,
Sir:

A complaint was filed in this Office about three weeks ago by one Alfred Sumsey (Colrd) to the effect that one Mason Alden residing near Helena, had accused him of stealing his pony some two or three years ago, and that the said Alden, by threats of taking his life, got him to go to Brownsville before you, and was induced through fear to sign a note for one hundred and fifty dollars, the amount the said Alden valued his pony at; I have represented the case (after investigating it myself) to General Smith for instructions, as no proof seemed to be brought forward to prove the man guilty of the charge. - I submit General Smiths endorsement on my letter. -

"Respectfully returned: if it can be shown that it "was procured in the manner described, it will be "destroy'd, and returned to the signer: then Mr Mason "Alden will have recourse to the Military for horse= "stealing as described by existing orders if he chooses - "If this endorsement be not complied with, a full in= "vestigation will be ordered.

"By command of
"Brevet Brig. Gen. C. H. Smith
(Signed) "John E. Bennett,
"A A A General."

I would therefore suggest that as you hold the note that you return it to the signer through this Office

thus saving further trouble, and then Mr. Olden can have the recourse above alluded to viz the endorsement of General Smith.

Very Respectfully, your Obdt: Servt:
J. B. McCullough
Agt: B. R. F. & A. L.

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63. Office Agt: Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
De Vall's Bluff. Ark: Sept. 23rd, 1865.

Colonel Henry Page,
Chief Disbursing Officer,
Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith Vouchers for Postage for the Month of September, 1865.

I am Sir,
Very Respectfully, Your Obdt: Servt:,
J. B. McCullough
Agt: Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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64. Office Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
De Vall's Bluff, Ark; Sept: 23rd, 1865.

Bt: Brig't Gen: C. H. Smith,
Asst: Com'r, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
General:

I have the honor to forward herewith the affadavit of one D. M. Tallis, who lives near Des Arc, in relation to the killing of a Negro named Ges Ballow by one A. Breden who is now confined in the Penetentiary at Little Rock, having been arrested upon representation of the Board of Registration of this County. I have been trying for over a year to get this evidence, and am glad that I have at last succeeded. I understand that the Board of Registration at this County collecting evidence in the case of Breden

I also send a statement, or rather complaint of a Northern Woman by name of Mrs. Estes who complains very bitterly of the people of this same neighbourhood - As yet I can get no sworn testimony in relation to the complaint made against her neighbours, and consequently have taken but a simple statement of it as related by her while in my office.

I am General, very Respy:,
Your obdt Servt
J. McCullough
Agt: Bureau R. F. and A. L.

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65. Office, Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
De Vall's Bluff, Ark:, Sept. 24th, 1865.

1st Lieut: John E. Bennett,
Actg Asst: Adjt: Genl, Bureau R F and A L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,

Sir:

I have the honor to state that there is a freedman here by the name of Parson Harris, who is crazy, and his people have to keep him chained up, to keep him from killing them. There is no poor house in Monroe County, and consequently, all the civil authorities can do with him is to put him in jail, but they have as yet done nothing with him, and I do not like to see him go to jail, as I think he could be cured if properly cared for in the Hospital, and kept away from religeous meetings for a short time, for religeous excitement was the cause of his going crazy. If he can be admitted into the Hospital, please send transportation for him, and one man to accompany him.

I am very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servt.
J. McCullough
Agt: Bureau R. F. and A. L.

66. Office, Agt: Bureau R. F.ed and A. L.,
DeValls Bluff, Ark, Sept. 24th, 1867.

Wm. M. Colby,
Superintendant of Education,
Little Rock, Arkansas,

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose School Report for the Month ending September 19th, 1867. You

I am Sir, very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
J. M. McCullough
Agt: Bureau R. F. and A.

67. Office, Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
DeValls Bluff, Ark, Sept. 24th, 1867. 69. —

Wm. M. Colby,
Superintendant of Education,
Little Rock, Ark:

Sir:

I have the honor to request that I be allowed ten dollars pr. month for rent of a Schoolroom for the Freedmen of this place, also the sum of thirty dollars ($30.00) for repairing the same. I have a School in Progress, and would like to keep it up during the coming Winter, and in order to do so, the House must be repaired.

I am Sir, very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
J. M. McCullough
Agt:, Bureau R. F. and A.

68 — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Ark., Sept. 30th, 1869.

William M. Colby.
Supt. of Education, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Ark.,

Sir:

I have the honor to herewith enclose you School Report for the month of September, 1869.

I am Sir.

very Respectfully,
your obdt. Servant,
W. D. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

69. — Office, Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
September 30th, 1869.

Colonel Henry Page,
Disbursing Officer, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Colonel:

I have the honor to forward to you Vouchers, no. 22, in favor of one Granville Shaw, Col'd for the care of an indigent Freedwoman, who is sick, and entirely helpless and destitute.

I would here state that said Granville Shaw has been taking care of said indigent Freedwoman four months, but has neglected to call for his pay until the present time, as I have charged for this all I constistantly can for one month.

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully your obdt. Servt.
W. D. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

70. — Office, Agent Superintendent R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Ark. October 2nd, 1866.

Mrs. Barbara Ann Mitchel,

Madam:

In answer to the communication of Mrs. V. Dell, I have the honor to state that this Bureau cannot furnish transportation for your daughter to you, but I would state that Mr. Simeon Horne, her former Master, is willing to pay her fare providing that some person be sent to accompany her, as he thinks she is too young to travel alone.

I am Madam,

very Respectfully your obdt. Servt.
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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71. — Office, Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Ark. Oct. 2nd, 1866.

Colonel Henry Page,
Disbursing Officer, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Sir!

I have the honor to request that you send me my allowance of stationery for the present Quarter, and as that will not be sufficient for the business of my office, I would request that you send me the following amount above my allowance, to wit: —

"Six quires of letter paper,"
"Three " " Foolscap,"
" " " " Legal Cap,"
"Fifty Official envelopes,"
"Twenty five envelopes (small)"
" One bottle mucilage"
" One do. Commie"
" One do. writing Fluid."

Thirty steel pens, three pencils, and three

73. —

1866.

Holdens.

Please have them sent to the Anthony House to the Express Agent, who will bring them to me.

Dear Sir,

very Respectfully, your obd't. Serv't.
W. J. McKellough
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

72.-

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Ark., Oct 4th, 1867.

Lieut: Wm M. Colby,
Superintendant of Schools.
R. F. & A. L.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward the Report of Schools for the month ending Sept 30th, 1867. Bureau R. F. & A. L. on new blanks according to your instructions.

Dear Sir,

very Respectfully, your obd't. Serv't.
W. J. McKellough
Agt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

73.-

Office Agt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Ark., Oct 4th, 1867.

Dr. Thos. Saunders,

Sir:

Isaac P. Hill (Colored) has been to my office to affect the compliant made against him made by your wife, as he tells a diffrent story entirely from what she represented the case to be - I the matter will have to be investigated, and you will have to leave him have the house in his possession, until it can be investigated and settled - In order to investigate the case, I will ask you meet Monday at 2 O'clock, P. M. as the Trustees

for investigation, at which time you will appear with your witnesses at my office, or upon failure, the case will go by default.

Yours Sir,

very Respectfully,

Jno. H. McCullough

Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

74.- Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, Oct. 9th, 1867.

Mr. Robb.

Agent for M. D. Welsh.

Sir:

You will see that in compliance with the enclosed order, you cannot be allowed to ship any Cotton, unless M. D. Welsh pays off his hands for last years work, and in compliance with said order, it becomes my duty to see that no cotton is shipped on Mr Welshs part from this place, until the hands are paid off for last years work. You will see that this is complied with.

Yours Sir,

very Respy. Your obdt. Servt.

J. H. McCullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

75.- Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, October 10th 1867. 77.

1st Lieut: Jno: E. Bennett,

Acting Asst: Adjt: General, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Lieut:

I have the honor to request that you send me thirty additional copies of Circulars no. 67, Office of Asst. Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

dated Little Rock, Ark:, October 2nd, 1867.

Dear Sir,

very Respectfully,

your obdt. Servant,

W. F. McCullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

7D. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

De Vall's Bluff. Ark: October 10th, 1867.

Wm. M. Colby Esqre,

Supt: of Education, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your endorsement, together with that of Lieut: Bennett, on my application for $10.00 per month for rent of Schoolhouse &c:, and would state that the School Master informs me that he could not pledge himself to retain the Schoolroom until June, of the Provisional year, unless he could have some assistance from the Bureau, as the Tuition would not pay his board.

I am Sir,

very Respectfully,

your obdt. Servant,

W. F. McCullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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77. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

De Vall's Bluff, Arkansas, Oct. 10th, 1867

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.

Disbursing Officer, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a check, on "Merchants National Bank" of Little Rock for ($12 25/100) twelve dollars and 25/100 in favor

of P. & A. Matthews, for publishing

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully,

Your obdt: Servant.

J. B. Mullough

Agt: Bureau R.F. & A.L.

~~All further letters official in nature to be~~
~~forwarded with proceedings~~ -

78. —

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas,
Oct 14th, 1867.

1st Lieut: John C. Bennett,
Actg Asst: Adjt: Gen:, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Ark.
Lieutenant:

In compliance with Circular letter issued from the Office of the Assistant Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. L., dated Little Rock, Septr 6th, 1867, I have the honor to transmit the names of Civilian employees in my District, to wit:

"J. Townsend Daniel."

Clerk in my office, born in England, and employed from this date at a salary of one hundred dollars (100/00) per month.

I am Lieut:

very Respectfully,

Your obdt: Servant

J. B. Mullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
De Valls Bluff. Ark:
October 14th 1867.

1st Lieut: John E. Bennett,
Acting A. A. Gen:, Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
Lieut:

I have the honor to request that you issue an order for me to proceed to the following named places in my District, and return, for the purpose of transacting business connected with this office, to wit:

"To Augusta, Woodruff Co. & return,"
"To De Witt, Prairie Co. & return,"
"To Clarendon, Monroe Co. & return,"
"To Indian Bay Monroe Co & return."
"To Brownsville, Pearce Co. & return."

My last order was taken up by the Quartermaster, & it is therefore necessary that I receive a new one.

I am Lieut:

very Respy, your obdt: Servant.
J. J. McCullough
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. Le.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
October 17th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Spl: Asst: A. & Disbursing Officer, B. F. & A. Le.
Little Rock. Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Checks no. 895 and 898 on "Merchants National Bank" of Little Rock for ninety nine dollars and seventeen cents, and ten dollars respectively - the former in favor of myself, and the latter of Captain

J. M. McClintock.

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant.

J. O'Mullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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81. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,

October 18th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,

Special Agent and Disbursing Officer, B. R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward Vouchers for the purchase of Coal Oil and Wood for the use of the Office. for which please send one Cheque in full.

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant.

J. O'Mullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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82. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,

De Valls Bluff Arkansas

Oct. 19th, 1867.

Allen Pitman,

Dear Sir:

Yours bearing date October 8th in reference to the case of Jesse Elmus Ford, was received a few days ago, and contents duly noted - You will please forward one at your earliest convenience, the full name of the parties concerned, and their residence &c. also about what time will suit you best to bring a

that came before me. I have have so many on hand now that I will not be able to attend to it until about the middle of next month, as I have made appointments to settle cases that will occupy my time until then.

I am Sir,

very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
J. H. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

P3. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
October 19th, 1867.

Wm. George Mijes,
Clarendon, Arkansas,

Dear Sir:

Freeman Williams, now in the Penitentiary at Little Rock has made application through this office, to know something about his discharge — you will please report to this Office by letter whether or not you forwarded it. If the application you made for his bounty was correct, and the name of Agent you sent it to at Washington, and whether you are a Legal Claim Agent &c. &c.

I am Sir,

very Respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt.
J. H. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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84. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, Oct. 19th, 1867.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Asst. Adjt. Gen., Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to enclose a note from Wyley Nichols, a Justice of the Peace

for Centre Township, in this County in regard to one Judson Reeve (Colored) who claims this hire for services rendered during the year 1868 — you will see by the note that Wm Nichols, who is a law abiding Citizen, and willing to do right under all circumstances, is going to resist the payment, if it goes to Court, as he will have to be responsible to the parties for whom he is acting, but at the same time, I think from the tone of his letter that he would pay the Colored man, if he had an order from the proper Authorities, which would relieve him from all responsibility in the case.

But one case of the kind has ever occurred in my District - I referred it to the Civil Authorities and the Court would not allow the man his hire. I have no Orders as instructions in such cases, and would like you to instruct me in this case.

According to President Lincoln's proclamation of January 1st, 1863, in which he declared the Slaves in all the States engaged in War against the Government, free from that date, it would seem that the Colored man was entitled to his wages, but the Federal Army had not possession of this portion of the State at the time, and it is a question that I hardly feel authorized to settle without some instructions — please forward them as soon as possible.

I am Lieutenant,

very Respectfully,

your Obdt. Servant.

J. B. McCullough

Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
October 20th, 1867.

To the Assistant Commissioner,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Department of Texas,
Sir:

Jack Allen, of this place (Colored) has two Sons in Texas, and is very anxious to obtain some information concerning them, that he may send for them. - Their names are respectively Henry Ferguson and George Briggs, and are supposed either to be at San Antonio, Johnson's Station, or Hayes - Please furnish any information you can obtain through your Agents to this Office, and oblige,

Yours Respectfully
W. McCullough
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

86.-

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas, Oct: 21st, 1867.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Actg: Asst: Adjt: Gen:, B. R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

I take pleasure in introducing to you M. D. Walsh, of Memphis, and a Planter of Monroe County, who wishes to see you in regard to some hands that he paid transportation for to Pine Bluff, after which, the hands went to work for another man, & Mr. Welsh is out of pocket the amount of transportation paid for them.

Anything you can do for him will be kindly appreciated by him.

Very Respy, Your Obt Servant
W. McCullough
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

87. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
October 24th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel J. P. Smith.
Paymaster, U.S.A.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of check no. 974 on "Merchant National Bank," for nineteen dollars ($19.00) for Military Commission Vouchers. —

The mail last Saturday was missent to Memphis, and hence the cause of delay in acknowledging receipt.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant
J. M. Maulongh
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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88. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff Arkansas,
November 1st, 1867.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, B. R. F. & A. L.,
Washington D. C.,

General:

In compliance with Circ: no. 12, from the War Dept., Bureau R. F. & A. L., dated Washington D. C. December 1st, 1866. I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Pearie, Monroe, and Woodruff, the last named County having been added to my District since my last report by order from the Office of the Asst: Commissioner at

Little Rock, Arkansas.—

My duties consist in making and approving Contracts for the Freedmen and their Employers, settling difficulties about compensation for labour, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice before the Civil Court.—

I was appointed by Special Orders no. 99, Extract 4, from Office of Assistant Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. L., for Mississippi and Arkansas, dated Little Rock, Arkansas, December 6th, 1865.

I am General,

very Respectfully,

your obt. Servant

J. H. Mellon[illegible]

Agent, B. R. F. & A. L.

89.— Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls' Bluff, Arkansas,
November 1st, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent and Disbursing Offr, B. R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,

Colonel:

I have the honor to request that you forward me two dozen "forms no. 12".—

I take this opportunity of asking you on what forms, I shall make out my Vouchers for expenses incurred in hiring a horse, which was necessary to carry out the provisions of Circular no. 13, from Office of Asst. Commissioner.

I am Colonel,

very Respy.,

your obt. Servant

J. H. Mellon[illegible]

Agent, B. R. F. & A. L.

90. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & Ab. Le.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
Nov 1st, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent & Disbursing Offr. B. R. F. & Ab. Le.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of checks nos. 989 and 990 for thirty five dollars, and one dollar respectively - the former in favor of W. D. Karr, for fuel for this Office, and the latter of George F. Lovejoy for Coal Oil, also for use of this Office.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obdt. Servant,
Agent, Bureau R. F. & Ab. Le.

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91. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & Ab. Le.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
November 2nd, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent & Disbursing Officer, B. R. F. & Ab. Le.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor to forward Vouchers nos. 12, for Stone Pipe for use of Office Agent B. R. F. & Ab. Le. at this place.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obdt. Servant.
J. J. McCullough
Agent, B. R. F. & Ab. Le.

98.—

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls' Bluff, Arkansas,
November 8th, 1867.

1st Lieut: John E. Bennett,
A. A. A. G., Bureau R. F. and A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Lieutenant:

I have the honor to request that you have me some small posters printed something like the enclosed form, so that I can give notice when I will be at certain sections in my district— It is so large that it takes a great deal of writing to give notice in compliance with Circular no. 18, Current Series— If possible, have me fifty copies printed.

I am Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
your obt. Servant
W. J. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. and A. L.

98.—

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls' Bluff, Arkansas,
November 10th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent Pay Disbursing Offr., B. R. F. and A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to request that you send me two dozen "Vouchers no. 17".

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obt. Servant.
W. J. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

94.— Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas.
November 14th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Spl. Agt. and Disbrsg. Offr. B. R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose Vouchers for Office rent and services rendered for the month of October 1867, with signature properly attached. 96.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your Obdt. Servant,
J. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

96.— Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansa,
November 11th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agt. and Disbursing Offr. B. R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose Vouchers for hire of one horse used in travelling over my District— I have had to hire a horse in order to get from one Plantation to another in my District, and as I now have to visit the different sections of my District at stated times, of which I have to give notice, I will have to hire a horse most of the time, as I cannot depend upon boats to meet my appointments— I do not know whether the enclosed vouchers are correct 97

or not: if not, please send me proper blanks and instructions for making them out.

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully,

your obdt. Servant,

W. J. McCullough

Agent, B. R. F. & A. L.

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96. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas.
November 19th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Spl: Agt: & Disbg. Offr, B. R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,

Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose Vouchers for postage for the month of November 1867 — amount ($5 00) five dollars: also vouchers in favor of George F. Lovejoy for one dollar for Coal Oil for use in this Office during the present month.

I am Colonel,

very Respy,

your obdt. Servt:

W. J. McCullough

Agent, B. R. F. & A. L.

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97. — Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas.
November 27th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent & Disbg: Offr, B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Check no. 1051

on Merchant's National Bank for twenty five dollars 50 in favor of myself for Coal Oil, postage stamps, and horse hire.

I am Colonel,

very Respectfully,

your obd't Servant,

J. M. Mullough

Agent B. R. F. and A. L.

98.- Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Vall's Bluff, Arkansas,
November 24th, 1865.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Supt. Agt. and Disby. Offr., B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated November 16th, 1865, with enclosed draft of six dolls. ($6.00) in favor of Mr. Peoples, which amount I have paid over to him, and enclose you his receipt for the same in compliance with your instructions.

I am Colonel,

very Respy. your obd't. Servt.,

J. M. Mullough

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.

99.- Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Vall's Bluff, Arkansas, Nov. 24th

Mr. John B. Hill.
Des Arc, Arkansas.

Sir:

Layfayette Bealls (Colored) has made an application to this Offic

for collection of the amount of your note in his favor for $87.00 & thirty seven dollars, which amount you will forward to this Office upon receipt of this, and I will receipt for the same in full, and send you both receipt and note.

Beall is going North soon, and must have his money at once.

I am Sir,

very Respectfully,

your obdt. Servant

W. McCullough

Agent B. R. F. & Ab. Lo.

100.-

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. and Ab. Lo.
De Valls' Bluff, Arkansas.
November 24th, 1867.

Wm. William Pettus,
Rich Woods, Prairie Co., Ark.,

Sir:

In compliance with Circular Letter dated War Department, Bureau R. F. and A. Lo., November 5th, 1867, and instructions from Office of Asst. Commissioner B. R. F. & A. Lo. for Sub-District of Arkansas, I have the honor to inform you that your Plantation is still on the rolls of Abandoned Lands, and that in accordance with said instructions, I shall, on the 1st of January 1868, proceed to rent the same for the U.S. Government, to Refugees and Freedmen unless application is made immediately to this Office for the restoration of the same

Very Respy. your obdt. Servant.

W. McCullough

Agent B. R. F. & Ab. Lo.

101.- Office Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
November 27th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent and Disbursing Off., B.R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose vouchers no. 17. for house hire for the month of November, 1867.

I am Colonel,
very Respy,
your obdt Servant
J. J. McCullough
Agent, B.R.F. & A.L.

102.- Office Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
De Valls Bluff, Arkansas,
November 27th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent and Disbursing Off. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Check no. 1092 on Merchants National Bank in favor of my Clerk, Wm. J. T. Daniel, for services in October 1867 - I also enclose you a receipt for stovepipe, duly signed. - I would here state, that your communications would have been answered sooner but they were missent to Memphis, which seemed to be a common occurrance.

very Respy, your obdt Servant.
J. J. McCullough
Agent, B.R.F. and A.L.

103.—

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas.
November 29th, 1867.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agt. & Disbursing Offr. B.R.F. & A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of my vouchers for services in November, and return the same duly Signed, and also at the same time to acknowledge the receipt of check no. 1047 in favor of myself for said services in November 1867.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obdt Servant,
J. W. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

104.—

Office Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.,
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas.
December 1st, 1867.

Major General O.O. Howard,
Commissioner B.R.F. & A.L.,
Washington, D.C.

General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12. from the War Dept. Bureau R.F. & A.L. dated Washington D.C. December 1st, 1867. I have the honor to state that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the County of Monroe, Prairie, and Woodruff.

My duties consist in making and superintending Contracts for Freedmen

and their employers, settling difficulties for compensation about labour, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil Courts.

I was appointed by Special Orders no. 99. Extract 4. from Office of Assistant Commissioner, Bureau R. F. & A. Lds. for Mississippi and Arkansas dated Little Rock, Arkansas, December 5th, 1866.

I am General,

Very Respectfully

Your obedient Servant.

W. J. McCullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Lds.

105.-

Office Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. Lds.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
December 11th, 1867.

S. J. Payne.
Austin, Arkansas,
Dear Sir.

Your letter of December 9th was received today, and contents duly considered. - If the County Court should the girl to you, you will have to make application to the County Judge to have the obligations of the Indenture and bond released if any was given. As I did not appoint the girl to you, I cannot release you in any way.

Yours Truly,

very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant,

W. J. McCullough

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Lds.

106. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Lo.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
December 16th, 1867.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Acting Asst: Adjt: Gen: B.R.F. & A. Lo.
Little Rock, Arkansas,

General:

Mr. McCullough requested me to make application for 4 dozen each of all the Circulars issued from your Head Quarters, and from Dept: Head Quarters in relation to the attachment of Cotton and other property for debt, for distribution among the Civil Officers in his District, at your earliest convenience.

We have only received in all, one of the orders and need them badly as there are a great many cases of this kind before the Office at the present time.

Your Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
Your obdt: Servant,
J. Townsend Daniels
Clerk B.R.F. & A. Lo.

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107. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. Lo.,
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
December 19th, 1867.

First Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Acting Asst: Adjt: General B.R.F. & A. La.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to make application to be allowed a

Messenger for my Office - I have been, and am, so hurried with business that it necessary for me to have one, and would like to have him for three or four months, until the press of business is over - the date of his hire to commence on the first of the present month - he will have to board himself. -

I am so pressed with business that I have to send my Clerk into the Country a good deal of the time, and am absent all the time when he is here, and need some one to be at the Office as Messenger. -

I am Lieutenant,

very Respectfully,

Your obed't. Servant,

J. J. D. Mallon

Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Desalles Bluff Arkansas
January 1st, 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner B. R. F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Desalles Bluff, Arkansas

General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12, issued from the War Department, Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated Washington D.C. December 1st, 1866, I have the honor to request that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie Monroe, and Woodruff. -

My Duties consist in

making and approving Contracts
for Freedmen and their employers
settling difficulties for compensation about
labour, and to see that the Freedmen
obtain justice in suits brought before
the Civil Courts. —

I was appointed
by Special Orders no. 99. Extract 4. from
Office of Asst: Commissioner Bureau R.F.
and A.L. for Mississippi and Arkansas,
Little Rock, Arkansas, December 5th, 1865.

Same General,

Very Respectfully,
your obedt. Servant,
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Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Deballs Bluff, Arkansas,
January 1st 1866. —

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent & A.A.G. Officer, B.R.F. & A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor
to request that you send me my allowance
of Stationery for the first Quarter of 1866
with the following addition, to wit:

"12 quires of letter paper,"
"Six quires of Foolscap,"
"1/2 Do. of Legal Cap,"
"150 Official Envelopes,"
"100 Small Do.,"
"One bottle of writing Fluid,"
"One Do. Carmine,"
"One Do. Mucilage,"
"Four Doz. Steel Pens,"

"Six pen holders,"
"Six lead pencils."

I would here remark that as I have so much business on hand at present, that it will be necessary for me to have the above additions to my regular allowance of stationery.

Jane Colonel,

very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant,
J. M. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & L.

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3. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
January 2nd, 1868.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
A. A. A. G., B. R. F. & L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Lieutenant:

I have the honor to enclose a letter from Robt. M. Gorrell in answer to a letter that I wrote him instructing him to settle with his hands, who complain that he offered to pay them as he stated in his letter, but they wanted to study on the matter one night, and next morning, on their accepting his proposition, he refused to comply with what he said he would do, and has proclaimed himself a Bankrupt — The hands all contracted to work for stipulated wages, Mr Gorrell to furnish them rations and medicine, in addition to the stipulated wages — What can I do?

such cases, when Planters take advantage of the Bankrupt Law - He claims that as his crop will not pay for the rations consumed, the hands must share the loss, but I do not so understand the order, when they pay work for stipulated wages - Please instruct me what to do in this case as soon as possible.

I am Lieutenant,

very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servant

J. J. McCullough

Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devall's Bluff, Arkansas,
January 4th, 1868.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett.
A.A.A.G., B.R.F. & A.L.,
Lieutenant:

I have the honor to make application for transportation for Francis Johnson, an indigent and crippled Freedwoman from this place to Little Rock. - She has a Sister, Julia Johnson, living in Little Rock somewhere to whom she wants to go, and has not got the means - She managed to get here from Helena, and being crippled, cannot work to make money to get her conveyance, or sustain herself here.

I am Lieutenant,

very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servant

J. J. McCullough

Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

6. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls' Bluff, Arkansas.
January 5th, 1866.

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Actg. A. A. G. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

I have the honor to request that permission be granted me to visit Little Rock for a few days on business. — I am going to Monroe Co. today, and want to visit Little Rock when I get back.

I am Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
Your Obd't Servant
J. J. Woodworth
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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5. — Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls' Bluff, Arkansas.
January 16th, 1866. —

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
Actg. A. A. G., B. R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

In compliance with Circular Letter dated Office Assistant Commissioner, B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock, Arkansas, January 14th 1866, I have the honor to submit the following report, to wit:

"Prairie County."

Number of Whites killed by Whites none
" " " " " Blacks, one
assaulted — name not known. —

no. of Blacks by Blacks - none.
" " " " Whites - Ten (10)
assaulted and one killed by "Regulators,"
date and names not known.
"Monroe County."
No. of Whites killed by Whites, four (4)
date and names unknown
No. of Whites by Blacks, none.
" " Blacks " " none
" " " " Whites, three (3)
killed and two (2) assaulted, date
and names unknown.

In Woodruff County, none
have occurred since that County
has been under my jurisdiction
this last time. -

I am Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
J. J. Mullonsh
Agent B.R.F. & A.L. -

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7. -

Office Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
January 17th, 1868. -

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent A.G.O., B.R.F. & A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor
to enclose Vouchers for January, 1868,
properly signed.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servt:
J. J. Mullonsh
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

8.—

Office Agent B.R.L. & St. L.
Dardelle Bluff, Arkansas.
January 8th, 1868.

J. R Grey,
Sheriff, Prairie Co., Ark.,
Sir:

Upon investigating the accounts of John Creagan, with his hands, I find that he owes his hands ($89.09) one hundred & eighty nine dollars (), which must be paid out of the Crop, and as you have it under attachment, you will turn over to John Creagan a sufficient amount to pay such amount to the hands, and the rest you can do with as you please, but according to existing orders, the hands must be paid before you can dispose of the crop under attachment, or by any other process. — After that, I have nothing to do with other claims.

I shall expect a strict compliance with existing orders.

I am Sir,
very Respy,
Your Obdt. Servt.
J. W. Caulkins
Agent B.R.L. & St. L.

9. — Office Agent B.R.F.& A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
January 18th, 1868. —

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent 2nd D.C., B.R.F. & A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to enclose the following Vouchers for the month of January, 1868, to wit:
"Vouchers for Coal Oil."
"Do. for House Rent signed in blank."
"Do. for Postage."
"Requisitions for Fuel."

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obdt. Servant.
W. J. Woolley
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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10. — Office Agent Bureau R.F.& A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
January 18th, 1868. —

1st Lieutenant Samuel M. Mills,
A.A.A.G., Sub-District of Ark.,
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

I have the honor to return herewith the papers in the case of J. L. Cannon with endorsements —

Upon investigating the matter, I find them to be as stated in the Affadavits of the parties concerned in the Plantation-

Enclosed, you will also find Affadavits of one Pittman, showing that Mr. Cohen is willing to satisfy Mr. Stewart for the rent of his part of the cotton, as far as it goes; and the only objections he has to the cotton being sold are, that the shares of the others are attached with his, the whole being raised on the same place, and that if it is all sold, they will all be left without the means of subsistance -

I have instructed Mr. Stewart to hold on to the cotton, but not to dispose of it until I received instructions from General Smith, which I shall be glad to receive as soon as possible

I am Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
Your obt Servant,
J. L. McCullough
Agent B.R.F.&C.

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11. - Office Agent Bureau R.F.&C. Lds.
Delta Bluff, Arkansas,
January 18th, 1865. -

Hugh Stewart,
Des Arc, Ark.:,

Sir:

I have received instruction
from General E. O. C. Ord to
investigate the case of J. L. Cohen
who had cotton you took charge of

for rent, and as I misdestand
the cotton is to be sold to satisfy
the rent on the 25th instant, you
are hereby ordered to hold on to the
cotton, and not have it sold until
the papers are returned from Head
Quarters with instructions from Gen:
Smith, Commanding Sub-District,
to whome I have forwarded them.
You will be held responsible
for a violation of these instructions.

I am Sir,
very Respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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12. —

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Osceola Bluff, Arkansas,
February 1st, 1868. —

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent and A. C. Bk. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to
inclose my vouchers for horse hire for
the month of January 1868, duly signed.
I did not think it necessary to make
out seperate vouchers for every few days
I have been travelling, but thought I
would make one set do from the 1st to
the 31st, and count only the days out.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servt
W. J. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

13.—

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas.
February 1st, 1868.—

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, B. R. F. & A. L.
Washington, D. C.

General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12, from the War Department Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated Washington D. C. December 1st, 1866, I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of Woodruff.

My duties consist in making and approving contracts for Freedmen and their employers, settling difficulties for compensation about labour, and to see that the Freedmen obtains justice in suits brought before the Civil Courts.

I was appointed by Special Order no. 99, Extract 4, from Office of Asst. Commissioner, B. R. F. & A. L. for Mississippi and Arkansas, dated Little Rock, Ark. December 5th, 1866.—

I am General,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
W. D. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

14.—

Office Agent B.R.F.&A.L.
Deballs Bluff, Arkansas,
February 15th, 1868.—

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent M.C.D.C.; B.R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith the original Bill of Lading for clothing I have received.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obdt. Servant,
J. M. Mullough
Agent B.R.F.&A.L.

15.—

Office Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Deballs Bluff, Arkansas,
February 24th, 1868.—

1st Lieutenant Sam: M. Mills,
A.A.A.G., Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

In compliance with your letter of instructions of the 14th instant, I have the honor to report that I have delivered to the Registrars of Monroe, Prairie, Woodruff, and Jackson Counties their appointments and orders, making the following changes, which was necessary, as the parties for whom the appointments were made did not, and could not accept them, to wit:— In Woodruff

County, I have appointed H. D. Halsey
in the place of J. M. McClintock —
In Prairie County, Theodore Holt
in the place of E. M. Gibson — there
may be one or two more changes
to make yet, on account of others
being sick yet present, but have
accepted their appointments thinking
they would be well by the time
it becomes necessary for them to
travel.

I am Lieutenant,
very Respectfully,
Your obd't. Servant,
W. J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

16.— Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
February 29th, 1868.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent and D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.,
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor
to forward herewith duplicate Statement
of clothing issued by me to the destitute
Freedmen in my District during the
month of February 1868.—

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
Your obd't. Servant,
W. J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

17.-

Office Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Devalls' Bluff. Arkansas,
February 29th, 1868.-

Brevet Colonel Henry Doge.
Special Agent 2nd D.C. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers for horse hire and postage for the month of February, 1868- also blank vouchers properly signed for Office Rent.-

My vouchers for horse-hire may seem to be high, and I have put the price at half a dollar above what I have had to pay, in order to try and get my money back, and there will not do it, as I cannot put in for more than twenty-nine days, while the number of days myself and Clerk have travelled during the month only lacks a few days of being twice twenty nine - I make this explanation in order that you may know why more is charged per day, and the full number of days in the month.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obedt. Servant,
J. W. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

18.—

Office Agent B.R.F.&A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas.
March 1st 1866

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner B.R.F.&A.L.
Washington D.C.,

General:

On compliance with Circular no. 12, from the War Department, Bureau R.F.&A.L. dated Washington D.C. December 1st, 1865, I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent B.R.F.&A.L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of Woodruff —

My duties consist in making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their Employers, settling difficulties for compensation for labor, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil Courts —

I was appointed by Special Orders no. 99. Extract 4. from Office of Assistant Commissioner B.R.F.&A.L. for Mississippi and Arkansas dated Little Rock, Arkansas, December 8th, 1865.

I am General,
very Respectfully your.
obt. Servt.
W. J. Merrill
Agent B.R.F.&A.L

19.—

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
March 5th, 1868.

S. W. Pettus Esqre.
Administrator of Pettus Farm,
Sir:

If you wish for the restoration of your Plantation, you will make application through this Office to the Assistant Commissioner at Little Rock - Enclosed, I give you some extracts from orders governing such cases.

I am Sir,
very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servant,
J. J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
March 12th, 1868.—

Brevet Colonel Henry Page,
Special Agent 3rd D.C. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Colonel:

I have the honor herewith to forward the application of Gilpin Bimm Colored) for his Bounty accompanied with affadavit of identity - I know Gilpin Bimm, he was a member of my Regiment, and I know him to be the person he represents himself to be.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
Your obdt Servant,
J. J. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent B.R.F. & Ab. Lds.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
March 12th, 1868.-

1st Lieutenant John E. Bennett,
A.A.A.G., Bureau R.F. & Ab. Lds.
Little Rock, Arkansas,
Lieutenant:

Having been nominated a Candidate for Representative from this County, I have the honor to forward my resignation as Agent Bureau R.F. & Ab. Lds. for the Counties of Monroe, Prairie, and part of Woodruff -

It is with some reluctance that I offer my resignation - I have been connected with the Bureau of R.F. and A.L. for so long, that I am loth to give it up - I have endeavored to preform the arduous duties connected with my Office with alacrity and good faith to the Government, and those under my charge for over three years; during which time I have had the satisfaction of knowing that I have had the confidence and esteem of my superiors, and was it not that I thought I could serve my County to a greater purpose, I would still be willing to continue in my present position until I was no longer needed Hoping that if my resignation is accepted I shall leave my present position with the assurance of having faithfully performed the duties of my Office.

I have the honor to be, Respy.
W. W. Mullahy
Agent B.R.F. & Ab. L.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
April 1st, 1868.-

Major General O. O. Howard,
Commissioner, B. R. F. & A. L.,
Washington, D. C.
General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12, from the War Dept. B. R. F. & A. L., dated Washington, D. C. December 1st, 1866, I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of Woodruff.-

My duties consist in making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their Employers, settling difficulties for compensation about Labour, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil Courts.-

I was appointed by Special Orders no. 99, Extract 4, from Office of Asst. Commissioner B. R. F. & A. L. for Mississippi and Arkansas. dated Little Rock Arkansas, Dec. 5th, 1866.

I am General,
very Respectfully,
Your obedient Servant,
J. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

23.-

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
April 26th, 1865.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent 2nd D.C., B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith the application of John, Burgess, Colored for his Bounty, accompanied with affadavits of identity. I know John Burgess - he was a member of my Regiment, and I know him to be the person he represents himself to be.

I am Colonel,
Very Respectfully,
your obedient Servant,
J. H. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
April 30th, 1865.

Brevet Colonel Henry Page.
Special Agent and D.C. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my clothing accounts & vouchers nrs. 52, for the month of April 1865 - I have entered the last on seperate rolls, according to your instructions.

I am Colonel,
very Respectfully,
your obedient Servant
J. H. McCullough
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

25 Office Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas,
May 1st 1868.

The usual letter was here transmitted to Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner B.R.F. & A.L.

W. McCullough
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 15-th 1868

Brevet-Colonel Nagle
Special Agent-2nd D.C. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have this morning received a number of discharges belonging to men whose Bounties have been paid in Washington. and herewith send you a list of names

Please inform me whether or not it is necessary to send the discharges to you.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant
W. S. McCullough
Agent-Bureau. R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 21st 1868

Colonel Henry Page
D. A. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I received your communication of the 16th inst- informing me that Gilkiss Ammon could obtain his Bounty money upon personal application and identification to you & Ammon has not got money to take him to Little Rock. nor does he know any one who could identify him. were he to go here - In compliance with a previous letter received from you stating that claimants might identify themselves to me in such a manner as I might deem necessary, and satisfactory. and that funds would be sent to me as soon as the claims were settled - he was accordingly identified at this Office and all the necessary affidavits &c were transmitted to you. I do sincerely trust - that should you not wish to pay the money into my hands. you will come here in person and send your Clerk to pay the bounties here if possible. for the following reasons

1st The Merchants here (who are all Union men) will complain bitterly if all the money is spent in Little Rock; as they have credited the Colored men and particularly those who have bounties - Secondly. a Merchant on this Town sent a man named J Marshall $ 500. to pay his fund to Little Rock. as he wanted to get his bounty. which according to his statement was 207. he further states that Mr Lucien J. Barnes gave him only $101.00 on your check or order. and he foolishly spent. or was robbed of the rest - had to borrow money to get back here. and could not return the money to the Merchant - that he borrowed to go to Little Rock with. 2 thirdly - the Planter loses his labor. which he can ill afford to do at this time.

I earnestly request - that you will

sithes and the money through this Office according
to your former letter! or come here and disburse yourself.
when sufficient-are paid to justify you in doing so

With much esteem
I remain very Respectfully
Your Obedient-Servant-
W. S. McCullough
Agent-Bureau R. F. & A.L.

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Office Agent-Bureau. R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 26th 1868

Judge E. L. Beard
Brownsville Arkansas
Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st instant. enclosing county Scrip. ammounting to fiftien dollars $15.00 in favor of Alfred Lumsby (Colored). I note your remarks regarding old Aunt-Milly a colored woman. and on your recomendation. will endeavor to collect-$ 250. — from aforesaid Alfred Lumby (colored) for her. and if successful will send the same to you

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedt-Servant-
W. S McCullough
Agt-Bureau R. F. & A.L

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Office Agent-Bureau R. L. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 20th 1868

Bvt Col. Hiram Page
D. O. Bureau R. L. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 20th instant enclosing me ($ 213) Two hundred and thirteen dollars in favor of Gilpin Rimmm. I know where he is. have sent for him. and will enclose you receipt duly signed in a day or two.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
R. S McCullough
Agent-Bureau R. L. & A. L.

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Office Agent-Bureau R. L. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 20th 1868

A. L. Dyer Esqr Agent B. R. L. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Sir

I have the honor to forward you the discharges of Sabe Hendricks. who requested me to send it to Little Rock

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R. S. McCullough
Agt Bureau R. L. & A. L

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Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 31st 1868

Bvet-Colonel Henry Page
Special Agent A. D. A. G. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Colonel

I have the honor to enclose you herewith my clothing receipts. duly signed in duplicate. on vouchers No 52. for the Month of May 1868. This makes all that I am responsible for excepting some shoes.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
W. S. McCullough
Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.

No 2

Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
May 31st 1868

1st Lieutenant-John E. Bennette
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Lieutenant-

I have the honor to make the following report-of my labors as Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L. Counties of Prairie Monroe and part of Woodruff. for the month ending May 31st 1868

I have been chiefly engaged in settling contracts for the Year 1867. making and approving contracts for 1868. settling disputes of minor importance. and issueing Clothing to destitute Freedmen. I have also traveled about two hundred miles in my district. and visited about fifteen Plantations. also the Towns of Lindsay Bay Clarendon. and Des Arc.

I find the prospects for

the coming season very good- the Farmers seem to be working well. and are in good spirits. The price of Cotton continues to be fair. and there has been no overflow of any importance. It seems to be a general opinion that Cotton will continue to be a fare price. until it is ready for Market- on account of the shortness of the crop. last year in the Liverpool market: and there is an impression that all those who can afford to do so will hold back their Cotton. at the commencement of next season Some Merchants have already purchased whole crops of Cotton in advance at 15¢ per pound and deposited the money in the Bank as security for payment.

I have had no serious cases of assault- and have mild all the clothing in my possession excepting some shoes. and I am glad of it as the applications were from those who are not destitute. as it contains as to be a great source of annoyance

This seems to be the hardest season of the Year. as many Planters are not able to obtain credit for provisions. and consequently even those who are able to work are somewhat destitute.

As I know of nothing further to report of importance. I will close my narative

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectifully
Your Obedient Servant
W. S McCullough
Asst B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valle Bluff Arkansas
June 15th 1868

Major General O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.
General

In compliance with Circular No 12 from the War Department-B. R. F. & A. L. dated - Washington D. C. December 1st 1866: I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Monroe Prairie and front of Woodruff.

My duties consist in making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their employers. Settling difficulties for compensation of labor and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil courts

I was appointed by special Orders No 99 Extract-4 from Office of Assistant commissioner B. R. F. & A. L. for Mississippi and Arkansas. dated Little Rock Arkansas December 5th 1866

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. S. McCullough
Agent-B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent-Bureau R.F. & A.L.
De Valle Bluff Arkansas
June 17th 1868

1st Lieutenant John E. Bunnell
A.A.A.G. Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Lieutenant-

The Building used by the Colored People at this place for a Church has been given by its owner Colonel Williams to Messrs Bancroft & Holt who now use it as a Printing Office they are endeavoring to raise funds enough to build another Church with but I fear they will not be able to obtain sufficient without some assistance I Enclose you a copy of a subscription list that you may see what they are doing for themselves and I do respectfully request that the Bureau give the sume of $150.00 One Hundred and fifty dollars which would enable them together with what they receive from subscription to erect a new Church

I am Lieutenant-
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant-
W. S. McCullough
Agent-B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
June 22d 1868

Colonel Henry Page
Special Agt and A.A. Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 24th instant directing that I appoint a day for the payment of certain specified Colored Bounty Claimants and in answer would inform you that I have appointed Saturday the 4th day of July for that purpose and will endeavor to have all the papers here by that time

I would take the opportunity of acknowledging the receipt of the discharge of John Aiken (Colored) also to transmit you herewith the receipts for bounty's of Madison Hardeman Alfred Smith and John Borgess.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. S. McCullough
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
June 30th 1868

Colonel Henry Page
D. A. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to
forward herewith my Clothing vouchers. on Forms
No 52. duly signed and witnessed. These rolls cover
all the Clothing I am responsible for
I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. L. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
June 30th 1868

Colonel Henry Page
D. A. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to forward
herewith my vouchers postage and horse hire. for the
Month of June 1868 ammounting in all to fifteen Dollars
I am Colonel
very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. L. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. & A.L.
De Valle Bluff Arkansas
July 1st. 1868

Major Gineral O.O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau R. & A.L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Gineral

In compliance with circular No 12. from the War Department. Bureau. R. & A.L. dated Washington D.C. December 1st. 1866. I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this Place as Agent Bureau R. & A.L. for the Counties of Prairie Monroe and part of Woodruff.

My duties consist in making and approving contracts for Freedmen and their employers. Settling difficulties for compensation about labor. and to see that the Freedmen Obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil Courts.

I was appointed by Special Orders No 99 Extract 4. from Office of Assistant Commissioner Bureau Refugees. Freedmen. and A.L. for Mississippi and Arkansas. Dated Little Rock Arkansas December 5th 1866.

I am Gineral
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. D. McCullough
Agent Bureau B.R. & A.L.

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Office Agent-Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
July 16th 1868

Colonel Henry Page
D. C. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th Inst" informing me that you would have an Agent here on Saturday the 25th Instant for the purpose of paying forty eight bounties to Colored men. and to state that I will use my utmost endeavors to have them all here on that day.

I observe you do not mention the name of James Sinclars. whose money you brought down with you last time. but he being sick was not here. you took the money back again with you.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R. S. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
July 16th 1868

Colonel Henry Page
D. C. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Colonel

I have the honor to enclose you herewith the receipt of William Stokes. for Bounty duly signed and witnessed

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
R. S. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
July 18th 1868

1st Lieutenant John E Bunnell
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas
Lieutenant

I have the honor to forward you an estimate of necessary expences to ~~Omitted~~ Freedmen Hospital now being erected by the Freedmen at this place. and in accordance with Circular No 21. Office of Assistant Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated Little Rock Arkansas Nov 18th 1867 I respectfully request that assistance be given them from the fund that has been placed at your disposal to the Ammount of One hundred and fifty dollars

$150.00

and would state that I have appointed five of the most respectable Colored Men in this Vicinity as School Trustees. and they have signed a guarantee to pay a Teacher or teachers to be recruited to him. to the ammount of thirty dollars per Month and to pay his Board.

As the Freedmen have no Church here they are desirous of using the Building on Sundays for that purpose Also. The only part of Circ 4. 21. Series of 1865 that cannot be complied with is - that the Freedmen cannot obtain an acre of Ground. nor or immediately around this place but the Ground belonging to them on which the Building is being erected. and the owner is willing that the title should be vested in the board of Trustees.

I am Lieutenant -
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant -
W. D. McCullough
Agent - Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent B. R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Ark.
July 13th 1867.

Colonel Henry Page
A. A. Bureau. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas.

Colonel:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith the receipt of William Stark for bounty, duly signed and witnessed.

I am Colonel.
Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Offics Agent Bureau R. E. & A. L.
Dd Valle Bluff Ark
July 18th 1868.

1st Lieutenant John E. Sennett.
A.A.A.G. Bureau R. E. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas.

Lieutenant;

I have the honor to forward for an estimate of necessary expenses to complete a Schoolhouse now being erected by the Freedmen at this place, and in accordance with Circular No 21. Office of Asst Comr Bureau R. E. & A. L. dated Little Rock Arkansas Nov 18th 1867, I respectfully request that assistance be given them from the fund that has been placed at your disposal, to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00). and would state that I have appointed five of the most respectable Colored men in this vicinity as School Trustees, and they have signed a guarantee to pay a Teacher, or rather to be security to him to the amount of thirty dollars per Month, and to pay his board.

As the Freedmen now have no Church here, they are desirous of using this building and Sundays for that purpose also. The only part of Cir. 21. Series of 67 that cannot be complied with is - that the Freedmen cannot obtain one acre of ground in, or immediately around this place but the ground belongs to them and which the building is being erected, and the owner is willing that the title should be vested in the Board of Trustees.

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant.
W. F. McCulloch
Agent Bureau R. E. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas.
July 31st 1868.

1st Lieutenant Samuel H. Mills.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.,
Little Rock Arkansas,
Lieutenant,

I have the honor to forward the following report of my labours as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of Woodruff for the months ending July 31st 1868.

My duties during the months have consisted principally in aiding the Colored Wens in the Collection of their bounties, settling difficulties between the Planters and their Hands, and aiding to the best of my ability and influence in the Erection, or rather Completion of a Schoolhouse and Church for the Freedmen at this place.

During the month a good many bounties have been paid by Colonel Henry Page. Assistant Officer of the Bureau, which seems to have a good effect upon the Freedmen, and is a good service to many of them, as most of them need money now to aid in buying provisions. and Keep them from getting into debt to their Employers.

Very few difficulties of any great moment have occured during the months, but quite a number of minor importance and of every day occurrence, which I am always called upon to settle; the parties preferring to come to the Bureau for an adjustment of their difficulties in preference to going to Court to adjust so many small affairs. A few cases of assault have occured during the month, but not serious ones.

and therefore were easily adjusted. As a general thing, there is less complaint this year against the Freedmen's manner of working than ever before. In fact, I have heard but few complaints of laziness and the part of the Freedmen, but on the contrary, many have expressed their satisfaction and approval of the manner in which the Freedmen are working and conducting themselves.

For some time the Freedmen have had a Schoolhouse and Church under way, and which is now nearly completed, so that they could their meetings in it. I have endeavored to procure aid through the School Department of the Bureau, but did not succeed. and therefore has to go to work, and do the best thing we could. We succeeded in procuring a lot upon which to build, and when that was done a subscription paper was circulated; and quite a handsome amount was raised to aid in the erection of the building; the white citizens of the place contributing freely according to their means, & that we trust that we will soon be able to finish the house, and to that end, I am now trying to raise by means, so that we can have a good School this Fall and Winter and trust that the Superintendent of Schools for Freedmen, will be able to aid us in maintaining a teacher until the new School Law shall have been put in force and effect.

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your obd't Servant.
[signature illegible]
Agent S. R. D. of A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
July 31st 1868.

Colonel Henry Page
D. C. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith the application of Jennie Painter, wife of Henry Painter late Private Co. "F." 112" U.S.C. Infantry, and Rody Haines, wife of Milton Haines late Sergeant of Co. "D." 113" U.S.C. Infantry for pay and bounty due their late husbands.

The women are both here, and when a day is set for paying bounties here, if possible, include them.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully.
Your obdt Servant.
J. A. Callaway
Agent B. R. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
August 1st 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard.
Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

General:

In compliance with Circular no. 12. from the War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A. L. dated Washington D. C. December 1st 1866 I have the honor to report that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of Woodruff.

my duties consist in making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their employers - settling difficulties for Compensation about labor, and to see that the Freedmen obtain justice in suits brought before the Civil Court.

I was appointed by Special Orders no. 99. Extract 4. from the Office of the Asst. Commissioner Bureau R. F. & A.L. for Mississippi and Arkansas dated Little Rock Arkansas December 5th 1866.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. F. McCulloch
Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas.
August 11th 1868.

Colonel Henry Page
A. A. G. R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Arks.
Colonel:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith Pass receipts given by Price and Granger for Pass and discharges - the owners of which are now living near this place, and desire Pass to get their discharges and bring their money over here when Pass Pass - as they are very busy with their Crops and do not want to lose the time that it would take them to go to Little Rock and back -

Please get their discharges at once, and send them over at Pass earliest convenience -

I am Colonel.
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant.
W. F. McCulloch
Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R. E. & A. L.
Du Valls Bluff Arkansas.
August 26th 1868.

Colonel Henry Page
A. A. G. R. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel:

In compliance with your letter of instructions dated Aug. 24th 1868. I have the honor to endose herewith the Discharges of Eli Hardman, with the following list of Discharges from the Army Officers, to wit:

Thomas Harley	113th	U. S.	C.	L.	
Thisby Davidson	"	"	"	"	"
Charles Randall	"	"	"	"	"
Harrison Harrison	"	"	"	"	"
William Jones	46th	"	"	"	"
Lewis Turner	46th	"	"	"	"
George Empsey	54th	"	"	"	"
Cornelius Timber	113th	"	"	"	"

Thisby Davidson is living in Batesville Ar. as was, when last heard from, and his Discharge ought to be sent there.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
W. A. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. E. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas.
August 26th 1868.

Colonel Henry Page
A. A. G. B. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel;

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers for postage for the month of August 1868.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

P. S.
My postage account is so small that I shall only make out vouchers every other month.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas
August 27th 1868.

1st Lieutenant S. H. Mills.
A. A. A. G. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Lieutenant:

I would respectfully request permission to visit Little Rock for two days on business connected with my office and also on private business.

I am Lieutenant
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Offis Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dr Valls Bluff Arkansas.
August 27" 1868.

M. L. Andrews
Little Rock Arks.

Dear Sir.:

Felix Gillaspie late Privati Co. "E." 5.4" Inf. C. D.- places his discharge in Jour hands to collect his bounty. He is now living at this place and desires to know if his money had came. and if so, he desires Jou to give his discharge to Colonel Page. that he may bring over the money when he comes over to pay bounties- It will be that Jou get Jour receipt for discharge-

Very Respectfully
Jours obdt Servant.
W. F. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Offices Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dr Valls Bluff Arkansas
Sept. 1st 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard.
Comr Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

General;

In compliance with Circular No. 12. from War Dept. dated Washington Dec. 1st 1866 I have the honor to state: that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau, R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of the County Woodruff-

My duties consist in making and approving contracts for Freedmen and their employers- settling difficulties in regard to compensation for labor. I was appointed by Special Order No. 99.

Extract 4 from the Office of Asst. Comr. Bureau R. F. & A.L. for Miss. and Ark. dated Little Rock Arkansas. Dec. 5" 1866. also by appointment from Major General O.O. Howard. Dated War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A.L. Washington Dec. 23" 1866.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Arkansas.
Sept. 9th 1868.

Colonel Henry Page.
A.A.G. D.O.S. R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel,

I have the honor to return herewith the application of Mrs. Printer for bounty with certified copy of Marriage Certificate in compliance with endorsement of General Geo. Sollock Chief A.G.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
W. P. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dt Valls Bluff Ark. Sept 9th

Colonel Henry Page
D. C. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.
Colonel.

Geo. Washington and Grat Hyat late of Co. "A." 113th U.S.C.T. are runnin ans the Steamer Liberty No. 2. up this river and they desire me to ascertain if their bounty La Claims and if so, whether Jou will send them Claim blanks to sign and return to Jou. So Jou can send their money here for them. They do not wish to miss a trip as they would los their situation by doing so.

I am Col. Jour obedt Ser
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dt Valls Bluff Arkansa
Sept. 25th 1868.

Colonel Henry Page
D. C. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.
Colonel.

I have the honor to forward herewith Vauchers for Postage for the mon of Sept. 1868. Also Vauchers for the purchase three Cords of wood, for the use of my office. Also requisitions, properly signed for wood, for Sept. 1868.

I am Colonel
Very Respectfully
Your obedt Servant
W. J. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dt Valls Bluff Arkansas.
October 1st 1868.

Major General O. O. Howard.
Comr Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.
General,

In compliance with Circular No. 12. from War Dept. dated Washington Dec. 1st 1866. I have the honor to state that I am still stationed at this place as Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the Counties of Prairie, Monroe, and part of the County of Woodruff.

My duties consist of making and approving Contracts for Freedmen and their Employers, and settling difficulties in regard to Compensation for Labor.

I was appointed by Special Order No. 99. Extract 4 from the office of Asst. Comr Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Miss. and Ark. dated Little Rock Ark. Dec. 5th 1866. Also by appointment from Major General O. O. Howard dated War Dept. Bureau R. F. & A. L. Washington Dec 26th 1866.

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your obedt Servant
W. J. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark.
October 8th 1868.

Wm M. Colby.
Supt of Education.
Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir.

Enclosed find report of School and information concerning the establishment of the same, and the aid required to carry on Schools for Freedmen in this Dist.

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.

Office Agent B. R. F. & A.L.
De Valls Bluff Ark
October 28th 1868

1st Lieut S. W. Wills
A. A. A. G. B. R. F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Lieut.

I have the honor to request permission to visit Little Rock for one day on business connected with my office

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant

Agent B. R. F. & A.L.

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1865.		
Oct. 29th	Bureau R.B. & A.L. State of Arkansas. Maj. H.G. Sargent. Supt. R.F. & A.L.	Little Rock Ark. Oct. 19th 1865. Instructing Lieut Wm S McCullough appointed Supt. R.F. & A.L. for D'Valls Bluff Ark. Received instructions & orders.
Nov. 28th	Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. D.H. Williams A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark. Nov. 25th 1865. Forwards to Lieut W.S. McCullough blanks for School reports & instructions as regards Transportation.
Nov. 18th	Bureau R.F. & A.L. South States of Mo & Ark. J.H. Sprague Brig Gen. & Asst Commr &c.	Little Rock Ark. Nov. 17th 1865. Instructs Lieut W.S. McCullough to exercise diligence in collecting Rents from Plantations leased by Government. To prevent shipments when rents have not been paid. When Shipments have been made stop it until rent is paid. See that the cotton given as rent is an average quality &c. and if necessary to place a guard on Cotton, make application to Military authorities under War Dept. Or. No. 102. C.S.
Nov. 18th	Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. D.H. Williams Capt & A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark. Nov. 17th 1865. Sends Lieut W.S. McCullough orders to Q.M. for Transportation for the following destitute refugees: Mr. Le McCormick & two children Mrs. Lucia McCormick & 4 children (D.C.R.) Jno Rutherford wife & three children Elijah Knox. all from D.B. to Jacksonport. Mrs Jane Green & one child from D.B. to Fort Smith Ark

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1865.		
Dec. 20th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. S. W. Sprague Brig Genl. & Asst. Com'y Vc.	Little Rock Ark. Dec. 18th 1865. Wishes Lieut McCullough to inform him by return mail if the cents drawn from Stanton & Co. have been paid if not. why?
December 25th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Dec 22d 1865. Returning Lieut W. S. McCullough's Monthly Accounts for Nov. with instructions how to account for Funds &c.
December 30th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Dec. 27th 1865. Gen. Sprague directs Lieut McCullough to collect cotton on the leases in his possession & ship to Farrington & Howell Memphis When shipped inform by telegraph. what Boat. No. Bales & weight. as it can be attended on Ins. Policy.
December 30th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Dec. 8th 1865. Notifies Lieut. W. S. McCullough of the receipt of Estimate of Funds for the Month of November 1865. approved: and ordered to be transferred.
December 30th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. Dett. Williams Capt. & A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark. Dec. 27th 1865. Directs Lieut. W. S. McCullough to take charge of the case of Haywood Brandon vs. Milan Holloway and have heard before himself.
1866		
Jany. 10th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Jany 6th 1866. Acknowledges receipt of returns for the months of Nov. & Dec. 1865. from Lieut. W. S. McCullough

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1866		
Feb. 13th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. and Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Feb. 9th 1866. Acknowledges the receipt of accounts for the month of January 1866. from Lieut. W. S. McCullough
Feb. 20th	Treasury Department Third Auditors Office	Washington D. C. Feb. 15th 1866. Acknowledges the receipt of accounts for the month of Dec. 1866 from Lieut. W. S. McCullough
Feb. 20th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Feb. 17th 1866. Acknowledges the receipt of receipts for Funds transfrd by him to Lieut. W. S. McCullough
Feb. 20th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Mo. and Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. Feb. 17th 1866. Acknowledges the receipt of returns for the month of January 1866 from Lieut. W. S. McCullough
March 10th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the State of Mo. & Ark. H. Skinner Capt. & A.Q.M.	Little Rock Ark. March 7th 1866 Acknowledges the receipt of returns for the month of Feb. 1866 from Lieut. W. S. McCullough
March 18th	Treasury Department Third Auditors Office	Washington D. C. March 8th 1866 Acknowledges the receipt of account for the months of January 1866. from Lieut. W. S. McCullough

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1866		
March 31st	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the State of Ma & Asst Comm &c. J. H. Sprague Brig. Genl. & Asst Comm &c.	Little Rock Ark. Mar. 27th 1866 Desires Lieut H. S. McCullough to forward his monthly as early in each month as practicable after the last weekly issue of Rations
March 31st	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the State of Ma & Asst. J. H. Sprague Brig. Genl. & Asst. Comm &c.	Little Rock Ark Mar. 31st/66 Authorizing Supts of R. & F. Bureau Claim Offices for Colored Soldiers & Sailors Against the Government
April 5th	Treasury Department Third Auditors Office	Washington D.C. Mar 24 Acknowledges the receipt of accounts for the month of February 1866. from Lieut H. S. McCullough
April 5th	Office Supt. R & F. & A.L. Camden Ark Lt H. Carhart Capt. Supt. & Provost Mar.	Camden Ark. Mar. 15th 1866 Notes Lieut H. S. McCullough the case to investigate of Edward Harris of St. Justice And to prosecute the claim already entered for damages to the amount of $2000. Papers filed in J. C. Crozier Office Devalls Bluff Ark.
April 5th	Office Supt. R. F. & A. L. Camden Ark Lt. Carhart Capt & Supt. R. F. & A. L.	Camden Ark. March 22nd 1866 Notes Lieut. McCullough to the office Madison Goodlett who left his wife at that place

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1866.		
April 5th 1866	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Ma & Ark. J. W. Sprague Brig. Genl. asst. Comr &c.	Little Rock Ark. March 2nd 1866 Directs that in all cases where Justices Sureties contract for assessments they shall have affixed the necessary Revenue Stamps.
April 8th	B. R. F. & A. L. for the States of Ma & Ark. Office Chief. G. Mst. B. Skinner Capt & A. Q. M.	Little Rock Ark. April 7th 1866 Respectfully returns accounts for the months of February & March 1866. for action with instructions &c for muster thereon
April 12th	B. R. F. & A. L. for the States of Ma & Ark. Claims Division John Taylor Capt. in charge of Office	Little Rock Ark. Apr. 11th 1866. Forwards blank forms for Collecting claims for cot. Soldiers & Sailors against the govt. also instructions for filling out the same.
April 14th 1866	B. R. F. & A. L. for the States of Ma & Ark. Office of Surg-in-Chief Henry M. Lilley Asst Surg-in-Chief	Little Rock April 10th 1866 Requests a report of the number of deaf Blind & dumb or deaf & dumb &c. entitled R. & Freedmen in this State.

When Rec'd.	Name of Writer	Date & purport of Letter
1866 April 24th	B. R. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. Claim dec'd. John Taylor Capt. In charge of Office.	Little Rock Ark. April 24 Furnishes Instructions in part as to Evidence in the prosecution of Claims for Col'd Soldiers & Sailors against the Govt.
April 27th	B. R. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. Claims Division John Taylor Capt. In Charge Office	Little Rock Ark April 26th Requests that one half of the Blank forms & Circulars for collecting Claims & Returns to his office.
May 7th	B. R. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. J. H. Sprague Asst. Comr. &c.	Little Rock, Ark. May 4th 1866 Desires Lieut. U. S. McCullough to forward a Statement of the Amt. of Cotton raised on the Plantation of C. J. Harris and the Quantity of Rent Collected by the Bureau
May 10th	Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the States of Mo. & Ark. Office Chief J. M. H. Klein A. J. Mo.	Little Rock Ark. May 8th 1866. Acknowledges the receipt of Cash Papers for the months of Feb. & March 1866 from Lt. U. S. McCullough

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1866		
May 10th	B. R. F. & A. L. for the State of Mo. & Ark. Offices Chief G. M. H. Skinner A. G. M.	Little Rock Ark. May 8th 1866 Acknowledges the receipt of Cash Papers for the Month of April 1866. From Lt. W. L. McCullough
May 12th	B. R. F. & A. L. for the states of Mo. & Ark. Office Chief Qr. Mr. J. M. Bowen Chf. Q. M.	Washington D.C. May 4th 1866 Returns two Vouchers & Abstract "C" Pub. Appr. Duty. & Fed. 1866. for approval of Asst. Comptr.
May 17th	Treasury Dept. Fund Auditor Office	Washington D. C. May 5th 1866 Acknowledges the receipt of Accounts for the Month of March 1866. From Lt. W. L. McCullough
May 19th	Office Supt. R. F. & L. U.S. Agcy Superintendent	Jacksonport Ark. May 11th 1866 Requests information as regards the Contract made between Hindman Laird & the Freedmen
May 20th	War Dept. B. R. F. & A. L. A. P. Ketchum A. A. A. Genl	Washington D. C. May 4th 1866 Forwards a Copy of Resolution of the House of Representatives

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May 24th	B. R. F. & A. L.	Little Rock Ark. May 22 18
	Genl Dejernett	Relative to the
	John Tyler Capt	printed blanks used in
	In Charge	the Claim Division
		To furnished to the Gen
		Supts. and Military Off
		on duty in the Bureau
May 24th	B. R. F. & A. L.	Little Rock Ark. May 24
	Claim Division	Furnishes Lt. M
	John Tyler	Cullough with in
	Capt. In Charge	formation that deser
		tion Lists of deceased
		Soldiers Dues &c
		upon application at th
		office.
May 24th	B. R. F. & A. L. for	Little Rock Ark May
	the States of Ma & Ark.	24th 1864. Desires that
	J. M. Sprague Asst.	Lt. H. S. M. Cullough be furn
	Commissioner	a statement giving th
		facts & operate difficul
		ty between an agent
		the Bureau and the
		Officers of the Commissio
June 2" 1864	Bureau R. F. & A. L.	Little Rock Ark
	Little Rock Ark	May 31" 1
	Claim Div.	Furnishes Lt H. S.
	John Tyler Capt.	M Cullough with
	In charge of Office	Blanks. Powers of At
		and decides, that

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Dec. 22nd/66	John Tyler Capt U.S.C. Bt. Major vol A.A.A. Genl	Little Rock Ark Dec. 22nd/66 authorizes the purchase of Chairs, Desk. and Office furniture by Wm H. McCullough, directs his attention to circular No. 7 Dec. 17th 1866	Jan. 1
Dec. 30th/66	John Tyler Capt U.S.C. Bt. Major vol A.A.A. Genl	Little Rock Dec. 22nd/866 Circular letter. directs that copies of circular Nos 30 & 32. Current Series be furnished to Judges and Justices of the peace in his district for their information	Jan 9
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Jan. 1st/67	Wm. M. Colby Supt. of Schools	Little Rock. Jan 1st 1867 writes regarding a fund being raised for School purposes. urges exertion being caused in getting money for School house
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Jan. 10th 67	Jno Tyler Capt. C.R.C. Bt. Maj Vols A A A Genl	Little Rock Ark. Jan 10th 67 directs that complaints of bastardy be referred to civil authorities. and that they be instructed by advice. to apply the laws of the State to Freed people
Jan. 12th	Wm M. Colby Supt. Schools Ark	Little Rock ark Jan 9th 67 informs Hon McCallum that he will meet the Freedmen of Duralls Bluff on monday 14th Inst to confer on the subject of Schools
Jan 14 1867	Jno Tyler Capt C.R.C. & Bt Maj Vols A. A. A. Genl	Forwards official copy of circular from War Dept. Washington city D.C. 22nd 1866 — Sig'd Ed. Schriver Supt General — directing that necessary precautions be taken to preserve, from property in charge of the Bureau, from damage by fire &c
Jan. 16th 1867	John Tyler Capt. C.R.C. & Bvt. Maj Vols A. A. A. Genl	Little Rock Ark. Jan 15th 67 writes in reference to the case of Jas. Fuller. Vs. Tobe McCulloch & Brother Colored men — Suggests that there Case be reconsidered and that a full hearing of both parties in all cases be had. and decisions rendered accordingly
Jan 29th 1867	Henry Page Brevt Col & A. Q. M.	Little Rock ark Jan 26 1867 asks. directions of Lt. Col in regard to 2. M. Hospital building. Duralls Bluff ark and who the land belongs to also for what purpose it is now used

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January 1st 1867	Henry Page Brt. Col. & A.A.G. Genl B.R.F. & A.L.	Little Rock ark. January 29th 1867 Returns & applications for additional Bounty for correction, states that the genuineness of the seal and signature of the officer administering the oath must be authenticated. be the clerk of a court of record his official signature &c
February 1st 1867	Henry Page Bvt Col A.A.G. Genl A.A.A. Genl	Little Rock. Jan 31st 1867 Returns, discharges and applications for Bounty, for execution as above —
February 2nd 1867	Henry Page Bvt. Col A.A.G. A.A.A.	Little Rock ark. February 1st 1867 states, that the only building to be turned over to the Bureau at D. Bluff Ark. is the Post Hospital and that he has receipted for the same. authorizes Mr. S. McCullough Supt. &c. to rent a room for an office provided he has to vacate the house he now occupies
January 2nd 1867	Henry Page Bvt. Col & A.A.G. [illegible]	Little Rock February 1st 1867 Requests a report of the dimensions of the ground occupied by Quartermaster Hospital also the rate of rent per month that would be satisfactory to the owner or agent of the property.

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February 5th 1867	Henry Page Brt. Col & A A G'n'l	Little Rock Ark February 2. 1867 Sends one copy of Bureau Officers Manual and requests receipt for the same
February 9th 1867	Henry Page Bt. Col. & A A G'n	Little Rock Feb. 8th 1867 Sending check for payment of rents for the month of January. also transportation Pass for Indigent freedwomen from D. Bluff to Little Rock, also states that the wood now on hand must last the Bureau until April 30th 1867
Feb. 9th 1867	Henry Page Brt. Col. & A A G'n	Little Rock. Feb. 8th 1867 returns Vouchers forms No 17 for correction. states that each account must be made in triplicate, with copy of order for performing journey attached. and where receipts are not furnished. affidavits must be made before clerk of the court. or before Magistrate or Justice of Peace and official be by the clerk of the court, and encloses Vouchers for Postage forms 2 for correction
February 9 1867	Henry Page Brt Col & A A G'n	Little Rock Feb. 8th 1867 Encloses requisition for fuel to be filled and returned. for the month of February — States that one cord of wood is all that is allowed officers per month, that the 4 cords purchased in January will be the allowance up to April 30th 1867, and that all vouchers for purchases made should be forwarded before the last of the month

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January 8th 1867	Little Rock Henry Page Bvt Col & ag AG A A A Genl	Little Rock Feby 8th 1867 Returns. affidavit of J McM McClintock for completion oath requires a fifc cent Revenue Stamp
Feb. 8 Feby 13th	Henry Page Bt Col & a g m	Little Rock Feby 9th 1867 Requests that vouchers, for Services. of J McM McClintock B. D. Williams. H. S McCullough forwarded. January 30th 1867. be returned
Feby 16th	Henry Page Bt. Col. & a g m	Little Rock. Feb. 15th 1867 Sends check. on Merch. National Bank. for fifteen dollars in Payment of voucher for Postage and Cost of transportation
Feby 18th	Wm Goodman County clerk of Prairie county Ark	Returns. affidavits and complies with request contained in letter No 20. Sent from this office Feby 11th 1867
Feby 20th	Henry Page Bvt. Col. a g m.	Little Rock. Feby 19th 1867 sends check on Merch. National Bank for Sixteen and 25/100 dollars. for 5 days pay for Lt McCullough in the month of December
January 23rd 1867	Jno C Tyler 1st Lt. 43 U.S. Infty A A A Genl	Little Rock. Feby 21st 1867 informs H S McCullough of having sent him 11 Copies Circulars No 5 with instructions from Asst comm. to send copy to Civil Magistrates in his districts

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February 23rd	Henry Page Bvt Col. & A G M	Requests to be informed by Telegraph if the 2 M. Hospl Building, loaned per G Orders to Col Montgomery, has been taken possession by the Bureau and how occupied. &c
Feburary 25th 186[illegible]	Jno Tyler 1st Lt. 43rd Mass Infty A A A Genl	Little Rock. Feby 28th 186[illegible] Returns Letter No. 25. from this Office, endorsed as follows — the duties of Supts will be to see that the laws are equally administered, and that contracts made before civil Magistrates &c will be respected, the charge of all orphan children is vested in the probate judges, and the laws take their course except in aggravated cases, &c — which cases will be submitted to office Asst Comrs for Settlement
March 2nd	Jno Tyler 1st Lt. 43rd Mass Infty A. A. A. Genl	Little Rock. Ark. Feby 28th 186[illegible] Acknowledges the receipt of Monthly Report for February.
March 7th	Henry Page Bvt Col. & A G M	Little Rock Ark March 5th 186[illegible] asks. Bvt. Lt. McCullough. to forward. requisition for authorized necessary blank Books. for use of Office

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	March 8th	Henry Page. Bvt Col & A.A.G. MD	Little Rock Ark March 7th 1867 Requests. original copy of Special Order. No. 107 Series 1866 authorizing journey to Clarendon & Des Arc. States that original Order should always accompany Vouchers. also requests. to be furnished with original Order. No. 3. (Series 1867)
	March 12	Jno Tyler. 1st Lt. 43rd U.S. Infty A.A.A.G.	Little Rock Ark March 9th 1867 Sends circular letter of information. saying that Circular No. 3 C. Series of 1866 is not suspended. &c
	March 13th	Jno O Tyler 1st Lieut 43rd U.S.I. Act Asst. Adjt Genl	Little Rock March 12th Circular letter giving directions of Asst. Com in regard to the publishing of Circular No. 7 in News paper &c
	March 14	Henry Page Bvt Col & A.A.G. MD	Little Rock Ark March 13th 1867 forwards check for payment of Vouchers for the month of February requests receipt for the same

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March 12 1867	Jno Tyler Asst Lt 43 U S Infy A A A Genl	Little Rock Ark March 11th Forwards letter of Milton Sanders Probate judge of White County with instructions &c — in regard to the case of ann Brau colored —
March 23rd 1867	Jno Tyler Asst Lt 43 U S Infty A A A. Genl	Little Rock Ark's March 21st 1867 Circular letter with instructions in regard to obtaining secrets for the 10th U. S. Col Cabalry &c
April 27th 1867	John Tyler 1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infty A. A. A. Genl	Little Rock Ark April 27th Circular letter with instructions &c pertaining to finding the children taken from the plantation of John Hearl by bushwhackers and sent from their parents Names of children, Anne, Winnie, Tommie, & Spencer and Tom, children light mulatoes
May 11th 1867	Bvt Lieut Henry Pope A. D. C. B. R. F. & A. L.	Little Rock Ark May 8th 1867 Forwards vouchers for services of H S Hoard and J. M. McClintock for signature & be returned

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May 25th 1867	Col L. H. Smith 81st Brig Genl Comdg Sub Dist of Ark	Instructs U.S. McCullough to proceed to Woodruff and White counties and find suitable men for registers of said counties Registers to be men who can take the Test Oath and if practicable to members of each board must be ex officers of the Federal Army All to be recommended as soon as the journey is performed Little Rock Ark May 28th 1867
April 25th 1867	1st Lt S. M. Mills A.A.A.G. Dept of Ark	Forwards list of names to whom appointments have been sent as registers for Monroe Co and requests instructions to ascertain whether and they will accept the positions
May 31st 1867	1st Lt John E. Bennett A.A.A.G. D.A.R. & A.F.	Little Rock Ark May 29th 1867 Replies in regard to the Blue Books asked for by U.S. McCullough Agent B.R.F. & A.L. in his last Monthly narrative. States that there is no way provided to collect fines imposed for violation of the orders of the Bureau but that they are issued for the moral effect that it is all it can produce

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June 8th 1867	Brl Genl Henry Page A.A.G. Mc. D.H. Ft. Riley	Little Rock Ark June 6th 1867 Forwards vouchers for serv of W.S. McCullough for May and vouchers for officers ren for May & Subsistence Accts	June 19th 1867
June 18th 1867	Brl Genl Henry Page A.A.G. Mc. D.H. Ft. Riley	Little Rock Ark June 11th 1867 Forwards check on Mechanics National Bank of Little Rock for Six Dollars in payment of vouchers for Transportation	June 25th 1867
June 28th 1867	Brl Genl Henry Page A.A.G. Mc. D.H. Ft. Riley	Little Rock Ark June 20th 1867 Forwards Three dollars in payment of vouchers for Postage	July 12th 1867
June 30th 1867	Brl Genl Henry Page A.A.G. Mc. D.H. Ft. Riley	Little Rock Ark June 24th 1867 Encloses one dollar in payment of voucher for recd on	
July 13th 1867	Brl Genl Henry Page A.A.G. Mc. D.H. Ft. Riley	Little Rock Ark July 12th 1867 Encloses check on Mechanics National Bank for (4) Four Ten Dollars in payment of vouchers for Transportation to Indian Bay and back	July 12th 1867

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	Bt Col Henry Page A.Q.M.G.D.A.R.	Little Rock Arkansas July 19th 1863 Forwards Vouchers of W.S. McCullough for services rendered and vouchers of J.M. McClintock for Office rent for signatures for the month of June 1863
	Bt Col Henry Page A.Q.M.G.D.A.R.	Little Rock Ark July 20th 1863 Encloses check on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock of One hundred and nine Dollars 30 cts in payment of vouchers for services rendered and office rent for the month of June 1863
	Bt Col Henry Page A.Q.M.G.D.A.R.	Little Rock Ark July 7th 1863 Encloses check No 681 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock of Three dollars in payment of Postage for June 1863
	Bt Col Henry Page A.Q.M.G.D.A.R.	Little Rock Ark July 8th 1863 Encloses vouchers for services rendered and for office rent for the month of July 1863

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Aug 16th 1867	Bt Lieut Col Page A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.	Little Rock Ark Aug 15th 1867 Encloses check #668 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark for One hundred and Nine Dollars in payment of Bounties for services rendered and Officers Certificate for the Month of July 1867	
Aug: 23rd 1867.	Colonel Henry Page. A.A.G.M., B.R.F.d & A.L.	Enclosing check for $22.50 in favor of S. G. A. & B. McNair	
Sept 7th 1867.	John B. Bennett. Actg: Asst: Adjt: Gen:	Answer to communication requesting a Detachment of four mounted men, stating that the same will be furnished, and directs the arrest of two men &c: —	
Sept 24. 1867	Colonel Henry Page A.A.G.M., B.R.F. & A.L.	Enclosing check for $3.00 for Postage for the Month of Sept 1867. —	
Sept: 28th 1867	V. Bell, Fort Smith, Ark:	Requests that the daughter of Mrs Barbara Ann Mitchell (Cold) now living with Mrs Simeon Hare, her late master, be furnished transportation to her mother at Fort Smith Ark: —	
October 5th 1867	Colonel Henry Page. A.A.G.M. B.R.F. & A.L.	Enclosing check for J. T. Duval, for services for Sept 1867 — and $2.00	

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1867.		
October 8th	Brevet Col: Henry Page. - Disbursg: Offr: Bureau R.F. & L.	October 8th 1867 - Enclosing Vouchers for services & Office Rent for Sept. 1867, in favor of W. S. McCullough. -
October 10th	Brevet Col: Henry Page, Disbursing Offr B.R.F. & L.	Oct. 9th, 1867. Enclosing check for $12 25 twelve dollars & twenty five cts: in favor of P. Ch. Matthews for publishing. —
October 11th	1st Lieut: Jno: C: Bennett, Actg: Asst: Adjt: General	Little Rock, Oct. 11th - Calling for a Report of Clerks & Employees, in accordance with Circular letter.
October 16th	Brevet Col: Henry Page Disbursing Officer B.R.F. & L.	October 14th, 1867. Enclosing Check for $119 for services & Office Rent for Sept. 1867.
October 24th	Brevet Col: J. W. Smith. Paymaster U.S.A. -	October 18th - Enclosing Check in favor of W. S. McCullough for $19.00 for Mily: Compy. Volunteer
October 26th	Brevet Colonel Henry Page Disbursing Off: B.R.F. & L.	Oct. 28th. — Enclosing check for $35 00 in favor of W. D. Kerr for full in Office of Actg: A.A.G. B.R.F. & L. Ark
October 30th	Brevet Col: Henry Page, Disbursing Off: B.R.F. & L.	Oct. 29th - Enclosing check for $1 00 in favor of George F. Lovejoy for Grad Ct.
November 9th	Brevet Col: Henry Page Disbursg Offr, B.R.F. & L.	Nov: 11th. - Enclosing Check for $3. 00 in favor of George F. Lovejoy, for Store Pipe. -

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1867. Nov: 16: 67	John E. Bennett A.A.Adg. B.R.F.V.A.L.	Enclosing Check for Mr Peoples for six dollars on account of James Shelton (Colored).
November 22:	Colonel Henry Page. Lt: Col: & Bvt: B.R.F.V.A.L.	Inclosing check for $26.00 in favor of N. S. McCullough for Coal Oil, passage stamps and horse hire.
Novembr: 26	Colonel Henry Page, Distg: Offr: B.R.F.V.A.L.	November 19th, 1867 - Inclosing Check for $99.00, in favor of J. J. Daniel, for services in October 1867.
November 26	1st Lt: John E. Bennett, A.Adg: Asst: Adjt: Genl:	Novmber 18th. - Enclosing letter from one - J. P. Wilson, who makes complaint to General Ord on certain subjects concerning Freedmen and their employers, and requiring investigation and report thereon.
December 6th	Brvet Colonel Henry Page Distrng: Offr: B.R.F.V.A.L.	Dec: 3rd 1867. - Inclosing check for thirty six dollars in favor of N. S. McCullough for horse hire
December 9th	J. J. Payne Austin, Travis Co. Texas	Dec: 11th States that he has a Colored Child named "Lucy" bound to him by the County Court, and asks for the release for said child - Refers to Colonel P. H. Sheridan and others as to Character &c. -

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December 10	Charles Thomas, A. D. C. & A. A. G., Washington, D.C.	November 21st, 1867 — Acknowledging receipt of Property Return from January to June inclusive 1867, and stating that they have been forwarded to Third Auditor for settlement. —	
December 28	John E. Bennett, Capt. & A.A.G., B.R.F.&A.L.	November 25th. — Stating that whenever the Agent here assumes jurisdiction regarding complaints coming from Woodruff County that he will not be interfered with by the Agent at Jacksonport — that Capt. O'Brien has received similar instructions. —	
December 18.	John E. Bennett, Capt. & A.A.G., B.R.F.&A.L.	Directing that all cases coming from Augusta, Woodruff County be referred to Jacksonport, that the jurisdiction of the Agent here will not extend as far North as Augusta	
Dec. 26th	John E. Bennett, Capt. & A.A.G., B.R.F.&A.L.	Dec 24th, 1867. — Giving instructions that all action taken under Cir. no. 22 in case of Gilkerson Vs. Corzyon, conflicting with Cir. no. 24 be rescinded, & new action be taken in accordance with Cir. 24.	

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Dec 29: 67.	Brevet Col: Henry Page Dsbrg: Offr: B.R. & F.d.L.	Enclosing Cheque in favor of W.J. McCullough for four dollars for postage stamps and two dollars in favor of L. M. Woodson. – dated Dec. 26: 1867. –
1868. Janʸ 15	Brevet Col: Henry Page Dsbrg: Offr: B.R. & F.d.L.	January 12th. 1868. – Enclosing Cheque No. 1225 in favor of W.J. McCullough for Horse hire. – $36
Jan: 18th	Brevet Col. Henry Page Dsbrg: Offr: B.R. & F.d.L.	January 17th – Enclosing Vouchers for services in January 1868 in favor of W.J. McCullough for Signature. –
Jan: 23rd	Brevet Col. Henry Page, Dsbrg: Offr: B.R. & F.d.L.	January 21st. – Enclosing check for $99.67 in favor of J.J. Daniel for services in Dec. 1867 – also $1.00 for Postage, and $1.00 for Coal Oil. –
Febʸ 17th	Brevet Col. Page Dsbrg: Offr: B.R. & F.d.L.	February 15th – Enclosing check in favor of W.J. McCullough for $88.00 on Merchants National Bank.
March 4th	Brevet Col. Page D.O., B.R. & F.d.L.	March 1st. – Vouchers returned for not being in proper form, and new ones substituted. –

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March 11 1868	Brevet Colonel Page D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.	March 10th. - Stating that men who have claims for bounty &c. can identify themselves before the Agent in such a manner as he may think proper, and deem necessary, and that funds will be sent as soon as claims are settled. -
March 13	Brevet Colonel Page D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.	March 11th. - Enclosing check for $97 00 in favor of D. F. McCullough for horse hire, postage, and two months Office rent. -
March 18	Brevet Colonel Page D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.	March 16th. - Enclosing check for 1438 in favor of D. F. McCullough for services in February 1868
March 21	Brevet Colonel Page. D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.	March 19th. - Directing that receipts taken for clothing be made upon duplicate rolls.
March 21	Brevet Colonel Page. D. C., B.R.F. & A.L.	March 19th. - Directing that receipts taken for hats be taken on separate rolls as they are borne on return of Bureau Stores, whilst other articles as borne as C.C. and G.C. -

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1865. May 20	Brevet Colonel Page Asst. Supt. R.F.A.L.	May 18th - Acknowledging receipt of list of Colored bounty claimants sent from this Office.
May 20th	Capt. William Bryan Asst. B.R.F.A.L.	May 15th Inquiring what, if any action has been taken in the case of White vs. Welsh. -
May 16.	Colonel Henry Page	Directing that Gelpin Brimm, late of Co. F. 113th U.S. Colored Infantry be informed that upon his personal application at Col. Page's Office, with sufficient proof of identity, his claim for bounty will be paid him. -
May 22	L. E. Beard, Judge, Brownsville.	Enclosing $15.00 in County scrip in favor of Alfred Tansey (colored). -
May 23rd	Col. Henry Page. D. C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	Enclosing vouchers in favor of Gilpin Brimm, (colored) for two hundred & thirteen 00/100 dollars, and funds to pay the same - also directing that Express charges must be paid by claimant. -
May 23rd	Sabe Hendricks, Little Rock, Ark:	Requesting that his discharge be sent to him at Little Rock.
May 25	A. S. Dyer, Asst: B.R.F.A.L. L. Rock, Ark:	May 23rd. - Requesting information concerning Green Logan, Private Co. F. 11th U.S. Colored Infantry, also his discharge papers &c. -

Date of receipt.	Name of writer.	Date and purport of letter.
July 11th 1865	Col. Henry Page D. C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	July 9th - Giving a list of bounty claimants that would be paid on the 25th instant, and directing that they all be present on that day.
July 11th 1865	Col. Henry Page. D. C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	July 9th - Enclosing receipts for bounty for William Stack, & directing that his signature be obtained
July 15	Colonel Henry Page D. C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	July 14. - Directing that the discharge of Stephen A. Douglass be sent to Little Rock. -
Aug. 22"	Colonel Henry Page D.C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	Aug. 22. - Enclosing discharges James Sussex Harrison Morrison Charles Randall James Reid Reuben Miller.
Aug. 25"	Colonel Henry Page D.C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	Aug. 24" Enclosing receipt for discharge of Eli Hardman and requests that a list of discharges in the office be furnished
Aug. 29"	Col. Henry Page D.C. Bureau R.F.A.L.	Aug. 27" Encloses discharge of Eli Hardiman for delivery.
Aug. 29"	Colonel Henry Page D.C. B.R.F.A.L.	Aug. 28" Returns applications of widow of Henry Painter for compliance with endorsement.

Date of Letter	Name of Writer	Date and purport of Letter
Oct 1st 1868	Colonel Henry Page D. C. Bureau R. F. & L.	Sept 30th Enclosing for signature vouchers in favor of H. S. McCullough and J. M. McClintock.
Oct 2nd	Colonel Henry Page D. C. Bureau R. F. & L.	Oct 1st Enclosing check No. 28 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark. for one hundred and sixteen 17/100 dollars in favor of H. S. McCullough.
Oct 1st	Colonel Henry Page D. C. B. R. F. & L.	Oct 5th Enclosing check No. 28 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark. for ten dollars in favor of J. M. McClintock

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	Name	Name of Employer	Wages per Month & Period	Date 1865	Renewed 1865	Period
1	Abraham Young	A. J. Townsend	$50 p.c. 30 days	Jan. 8th	Feb 1st	30 days
2	Laura	A. J. Townsend	$7 "	"		
3	Patrick Goodman	A. J. Townsend	$50 p.c "	"	Feb. 1st	30 days
4	Levi Stewart	A. J. Townsend	$50 p.c "	"	Feb. 1st	30 days
5	Mack Dualls	A. J. Townsend	$50 p.c. "	"	Feb 1st	30 days
6	John Davis	A. J. Townsend	$50 p.c. "	"	Feb. 1st	30 days
7	Tom Beclon	John Shields	$35 "	"	Feb. 2nd	30 days
8	Circus [illegible]	Himself	"	"	March 22d	60
9	Gabriel Edwards	Himself	"	"		
10	Harriett Benson	J. J. Turner	$5 "	"		
11	Jordan Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10 60 days	"		
12	Alston Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10 60 "	"		
13	Peter Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10 "	"		
14	Dan Evans	Hanna and Taylor	$10 "	"		
15	Jane Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10 "	"		
16	H. McHenry	Lieut A. P. Collins	$15 "	"		
17	Archy Richard	A. Maddell	$2 p.d. 30 days	Jan. 4th	March 22d	60 days
18	Jacks Holloway	Himself	"	"		
19	Martha Jackson	Herself, Seamstress	"	"		
20	Salsey McCauley	Herself, Laundress	"	"		
21	Melcina McFarlin	Hanna and Taylor	$15 60 days	"	March 5th	60 days
22	Richard Williams	Himself Drayman	$ 30 days	"	" 22	
23	Adaline Miller	Herself, Laundress	"	"	Feb 1st	30 days
24	Patsy Buck	Herself "	"	"	Feb 5th	30 days
25	Emily Buck	Herself "	"	"	Feb 5th	30 days
26	Sarah Ann Winny	Herself "	"	"	Feb. 6th	30 days
27	Edward Jackson	Himself	"	"		
28	Lewis Furgerson	Himself, Carpenter	"	"	March 5th	30 days
29	Richard Bradley	William Hendrick	$15 "	"	Feb. 2nd	30 days
30	Le Hurd —	N. S. Stuart	$8 "	Jan. 5		
31	Mack Banks	Thos. Stansbury	$15 "	Jan 6th	Feb 21st	30 days
32	White Robinson	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50 p/d "	"		
33	Jackson Hurd	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50 p/d 60 days	"		
34	Jefferson Deferd	Capt. Comstock C. S.	$10 90 days	"		
35	William Henry	Capt Comstock C. S.	$10 "	"	April 1st	90

No.	Name	Name of Employer	Wages per Month	Period	Date 1865	Renewed 1865	Period
36	Billy Duke	Capt. Comstock C. S.	$12	90 days	Jan. 6th	March 25th	30
37	Albert Morris	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$150/c	30 days	Jan 7th	Feb 25th	30 days
38	Samuel Qualls	A. J. Townsend	$0.75/c	"	Jan. 9th		
39	Mark Hastings	Samuel Evans	$15	90 days	Jan 10th		
40	Milly Evans	Samuel Evans	$10	"	"		
41	Ann -	Samuel Evans	$12	"	"		
42	Lizzie Banks	Hersely, washing	—	30	Jan. 11th	Cancelled	30 days
43	Peggy Anderson	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	"	March 1st	29 days
44	Hannah Robinson	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	"	"	30 days
45	Delilah Atkins	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	"	"	"
46	Ann Berry	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	"		
47	Andy Johnson	G. W. Mays	—	30	"		
48	Henderson Buffett	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	—	30	Jan 13th		
49	Isaac Jackson & boy	Lieut. Willis Davis	$20	60	"		
50	David Jackson	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	—	60	Jan 14th	" 22d	60 days
51	Samuel Riggings	Hinsely	—	30	"		
52	John Loder	Hinsely	—	10	Jan 16th		
53	Virgil Green	Lieut. L. M. Sedgewick	—	60	Jan 17th		
54	Cobb Grey	Lewis D. Skinkle	$25	60	"	March 22.	60
55	Nat Raker	Lewis D. Skinkle	$25	60	"	"	"
56	Hemsley Smith	Lewis D. Skinkle	$25	60	"	March 14	60 days
57	Lewis Wright	Lewis D. Skinkle	$25	60	"	"	"
58	Ann Meeks	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$10	30	Jan 18th	Cancelled	
59	Polly Sullivan	Hersely	$	30	Jan 20th	March 1st	30 days
60	Lawson Raney	Lieut. Col. Clipper	$10	60	Jan 21st	March 14	60 "
61	George Coffee	J. B. Coffee	$15	30	Jan 24th		
62	Franklin Connes	Prey. Klinton	—	30	Jan 21st		
63	George Allen	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50/c	60	Jan 28th	March 29th	60
64	Caine Edwards	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50/c	30	"		
65	Reuben Burrow	K. P. Johnson	$10	90	Jan 31st		
66	Aaron McIntosh	B. F. McIntosh on	$25	365	Feb 1st		
67	Rachael McIntosh	his plantation	Board and	Clothes for	Hersely	$64	Clothes
68	Henry McIntosh	7 miles from	$12½	365	Feb 1st		
69	Julia McIntosh	Hickory Station	$ 9	365	"		
70	Ann McIntosh	B. F. McIntosh	$6	365	"		

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1	Jane and Alex McIntosh	B. F. McIntosh	$6	365	Feb 1st		
2	Jaimie Qualls	Hinsely, Teamster	—	30	Feb 2nd	March 11	30 days
3	Mary Ann Conner	Samuel Evans	$10	30	"		
4	Jerry Dodge	Lieut. Fred G. Mizlogel	$10	60	Feb 3d		
5	Gabe	Lieut. Barnes A.A.G.	$10	90	Feb 4th		
6	Ben Warren	F. M. Wasford Surg 4th Ark	$10	60	Feb 7th		
7	Susan Crenshaw	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	Feb 11th		
8	Anna Washington	Hersely, Laundress	—	30	"		
9	Pleasant Gallaway	A. Boyd & Co	1.50½	30	Feb 12th	March 12	60 days
10	Sarah Cleveland	Charles Yates	12½	90	Feb 17th		
11	Serina Cleveland	Charles Yates	8	90	"		
12	John Davis	A. J. Johnsons	$10	30			
13	Anna Jackson	Williams Jahn	$12	30		"	$10
14	Ralph Claise	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	—	60			
15	Joe Gibson	Hinsely	—	30			
16	Moses Goodrich	Gen. Minnick Alfield	$15	60			
17	Charles Washington	Cook on Commercial	30	30		March 22d	30
18	California Dyer	G. R. Clark	$12	60	March 1st	May 1st	60
19	Lucy Couch	Col Mattison	$10	60			
20	Mike Robinson	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50/c	30			
21	Peter Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10	60			
22	Daniel Evans	Hanna and Taylor	$11	60			
23	Jane Taylor	Hanna and Taylor	$10	60			
24	Emeline Buck	Hersely	$—	30	March 5th		
25	Abraham Young	John Nobbs	1.50/c	30	March 7	April 5th	60
26	Patrick Goodman	John Nobbs	1.50/c	30	"		
27	Frank Qualls	John Nobbs	1.50/c	30	"		
28	Littleton Becton	John Parrott	$20	30	March 11	April 11	60
29	Tom Becton	John Shields	$35	60	"		
30	Levi Stewart	John Nobbs	$1.50/c	30			
31	Cain Edwards	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$1.50/c	60	March 18th		
32	Toney Hill	Robert Gillispie	$30	30	March 20th		
33	Sally Ann Boyd	B. F. Posse	$6	30	March 20th		
34	Malvina Winfield	B. G. Burris	$10	30	March 20th		

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117	Mary Eliza Winfry	S. W. Bowers	$15-	30	March 21	1st Apl 21	30 days
118	John Miller	Capt C H Lambert	$17½	30	"		
119	Gordon Taylor	Elias D Taylor	$21	20	March 22	2nd	
121	Alston Taylor	Elias D Taylor	$21	30	"		
121	Ethelen Taylor & family	Elias D Taylor		30	"		
122	Peter Taylor (No 13)						
123	Henry Harrison	John Shields	$48	60	March 22		
124	Cook Gary	Louis Skinkle	$25-	60	March 22		
125	Rhoda Allen	A Boyd & Co	$16	"	"		
126	Winnie Berry & Boy	Hatcher	"	"	"		
127	Maria Cain	Herself Laundress		"	"		
128	Mark Banks	Theo Strausburg	$15-	"	"		
129	George Coleman	Himself		30	"		
130	Hannah Harrison	Herself		60	"		
131	Matty Reynolds	Geo L Lovejoy	$10	"	"		
132	Eliza Rollins	Mrs. Bassett	$15	"	"		
133	Harriet Parsi	H H Whiting	"	"	"		
134	Ben Owens	Himself		"	"		
135	David Jackson	"		"	"		
136	Henry Robinson	Dr Reynolds	$10	"	"		
137	Caroline Huff	Mrs. McCollough	12	"	"		
138	Flora Lewis	Barkers Express	15-	60	"		
139	George Washington and Wife	Barkers Express	35-	60	"		
140	Peter Ross	Himself	—	30	"		
141	Peter Huff	Himself	—	30	"		
142	Philip Pierce	Lieut. W. W. Harding	$10	60	"		
143	James Holloway	Himself	—	60	"		
144	Hannah Thomas	Herself	—	60	"		
145	Nelly Hill	Herself	—	60	"		
146	Judge Munger	Capt Wendell A.Q.M.	$10	"	"		
147	Eliza Thomas	Capt H R Newcomb	"	"	"		
148	Katey Three	Herself	—	"	"		
149	Julia Belzey	Philip Obrien	$10	30	"		
150	Maria Gibson	Herself	—	30	"	Apl 24th	30 days
151	Elvira Barnes	Herself		30	"		

	Name	Name of Employer	Wages per Month	Paid	Date 1865	Rendered	Period
2	Clarissa Jones	Herself	—	30	March 22d		
3	Mary A Brooks	Dr. McGee	$1.5	60	"		
4	Jane Gaskis	Mr Moran	$10	"	"		
5	Richard Bradley	Wm Wood	$20	"	"		
6	Margaret Mr. Henry & child	By the Gen Orderly		"	"		
7	Jn H Davis	C O Simpson	20	"	"		
8	Polly Ellerson	Herself	—	"	"		
9	Ned Jackson	Himself	—	"	"		
10	Henry Rockwell	Capt B. B Rockwell	$13	"	"		
1	Candles King	Clerks Orderlies at Hd Qa	15	"	"		
2	James Martin	Col Matteson	"	"	"		
3	Maria Jones	C H Sweeney	$16½	90	"		
4	Martha Conner	Mary McDonald	$10	60	"		
5	Adaline Goodrich	F. M. Jones	$11	60	March 25th		
6	Henrietta Goodrich	F. M. Jones	$30	60	"		
7	Granville Goodrich	F. M. Jones	$10	60	"		
8	Carolina Williams	Dr. M. R Greely	$10	60	"		
9	Wm Hains	C H Gambett	$30	"	"		
10	Kitty Grundy	Lt W W Harding	—	60	"		
1	Nancy Brooks	" "	10	"	"		
2	Henry Washington	Capt Rissier	8	"	"		
3	Chs Perry	Capt Howe	$10	"	"		
4	Henry Smith	C Hill	$5	"	"		
5	Henderson Buffort	C H Gambert	$150	90	"		
6	Wm McKnight	C C Sackett	5	"	"		
7	Mary Jewel	" "	$10	"	"		
8	Ellen Thomas	In Hall	12	"	"		
9	Mary Satchel	Wm Deuel	$12	"	"		
10	E Bliss	Lieut Wm Deuel	$11	"	"		
1	Thom Dalton	C H Gambert	$150	"	"		
2	Mary Cornelius	Peoples	$15	"	"		
3	Lydy Warner	Dr Moody	$8	"	"		
4	Mary Fausbury	Sergt Harris	$10	"	"		
5	Francis Mathis	L. T. Earl	$12	"	"		
6	Harriet Weakfield	F. M. McBride	$16	"	"		

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187	Kate Clay						
188	Jacob Johnson	Capt Gaubert	1½ ₵	30 da	Mch 25		
189	Ann Davidson	G. W. Hill	$13	30 da	"		
190	Mary Wrightsley	Dr. H. N. Marsh	$8	60 "	"		
191	Louisa Gardner	Hersey	—	30 "	"		
192	James Jackson	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$11	60	Mch 26th		
193	Nelson Maxwell	Capt C. H Gaubert	$30	60	"		
194	Israel Pryor	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$31	60	"		
195	Frank Shuttle	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$31	60	"		
196	Andy Fate	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$30	60	"		
197	Jane Fortune	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$30	60	"		
198	George Christian	Capt C. H Gaubert	$30	60	"		
199	George Arnold	Capt C. H Gaubert	$30	60	"		
200	George Washington	Capt C H Gaubert	$30	60	"		
201	Cyrus Perry	Capt C H Gaubert	$30	60	"		
202	L. Garner	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	60	"		
203	S. Collins	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	60	"		
204	W. A. Davis	Capt C. H Gaubert	$13	60	"		
205	W. E. Honeycutt	Capt C H Gaubert	$13	60	"		
206	W. Fallwell	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	60	"		
207	A. L. Edwards	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	60	"		
208	W. Shuttle	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	61	"		
209	Hannah Rose	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$13	61	"		
210	Ann	Capt Chas. E. Howe	$10	61	"		
211	Aaron Labaux	Lieut Amos Sharpless	$10	60	Mch 27th	Mch 28	Annual
212	William Buffin	Lieut Thos. A. Porter	$10	61	"		
213	Joseph Birch	Lieut Col E. N. Foster	$13	61	"		
214	Elvira Wilburn	Ord. at Brig. Hdqrs	$10	60	"		
215	John Davis	A. J. Johnson		60	"		
216	Charles Buffalo	Hersey		61	"		
217	Nancy Willcock	George Willcock	$5	61	"		
218	Samuel Conner	Hersey	—	60	"		
219	Rachael Circuit	Hersey	—	61	"		
220	Martha Jackson	Hersey	—	61	"		
[illegible]	Charlotte Raney	Hersey	"	61	"		

Amy Gooden	Hersey		60	March 27th	
Eliza Jackson	Hersey	—	60	"	
Eliza Cunningham	Hersey		60	"	
Emma Jackson	Gen. Humphries	$10	60	"	
R Collier	P M Worthen	$15	60	"	
Chs Lamb	Lieut Thomas Hunter	—	60	"	
Charlotte Edwards	A. J. Townsend	—	60	"	
Alice Mercer	Capt C. H. Gauberl	$15	60	"	
Leah Corretier	Quigley Jas A	$10	60	"	
Henrietta Swan	Capt. G. B. Hoit	$15	60	"	
Mary Jones	Capt G. B. Hoit	$15	60	"	
Emily Wilburne	Sergt H. N. Rue	$15	60	"	
Henrietta Washington	Gen Hospital		60	"	Amended
George Carey	Lt J. R. Sencenick	$10	60	"	
Katey Clay	Thomas Jackson	$15	60	"	
Susan	C C Sutherland	$13	60	"	
Sylva Carrol	Alfred Carpenter	$15	"	"	
Cary Coleman	Wm Brewer	$15	"	"	
Robert Thompson	Capt J S Blacksmith	$14	"	"	
Agnies Williams	John Shields	$16	60	"	
Jane Galoway	Mrs Bringley	$13	60	"	
Phebe Bonn	M. Moore	$10	60	"	
Henry Garrison	Miles Coil	$10	60	"	
Henry Johnson	J B Snider	$15	60	"	
Sarah Young	W. E. Talbutt	$15	60	"	
Cassandra Tribe	Chas. Gates	$13	60	"	
Henrietta Washington	U. S. Gen. Hospital	$10	90	28th "	
Sarah Hays	U. S. Gen Hospital	$10	90	"	
Fanny Edwards	A. J. Mills	$10	60	"	
Eliza McKindry	U. S. Gen Hospital	$10	90	"	
Phillis Oliver	U S Gen Hosp.	$10		"	
Jack Taylor	Gen B Lovejoy	$10	60	"	
Elizabeth Kindry	U. S. Gen. Hosp	$10	90	"	
Martha Ray	H. C. Ellis	$5	30	"	
Kate Cowden	Kinney	—	20	"	

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263.	Sarah Tanner	U S Gen Hospital	$10	90	March 28th	
264	Molly Smith	U. S. Gen. Hospt	$10	90	"	
265	Moses	U S Gen Hospt	$10	90	"	
267	Lewis McCauley	T. P. Hatch	$15	30	"	
268	Maria Lee	Lieut Miller	$15	90	"	
269	Maria Booth	Mrs Snyder	$10	30	"	
270	Amelia Rooks	Mrs S Woolard	$10	30	"	
271	Mandy Lugiles	Herself	—	90	"	
272	Emily Seward	Herself	—	90	"	
273	Henry Bishop	Mr Gates	$50	60	"	
274	Minitia McClinton	Herself	—	90	"	
275	Caroline Murry	T. T. Pierce	$15	60	March 29th	
276	Elvira Reylock	Co A" 3d Mass Engt	—	61	"	
277	Hannah Ritter	Mrs Piper	$6	30	March 30th	
278	Burrell Brock	Himself	—	30	"	
279	Catherine Cooper	John R Henry	$15	60	March 31st	
280	George Studivan	John R Henry	$10	60	"	
281	Richard Barrett	John R Henry	$10	60	"	
282	Thomas Monroe	Mr Thornghill	$10	30	"	
283	Julia A. Colyer	Sergt Foot	8	"	"	
284	Martha Becton	Herself	—	60	Apr. 1	
285	Louisa Gray	Herself	—	60	"	
286	Stephen Steward	Himself	—	275	"	
287	Benj. Clinton	Himself	—	275	"	
288	Melinda Price	Herself	—	30	"	May 1st 45 days
289	Delilah Waters	L. E. Scott	$15	30	"	
290	Martha A Watkins	Lieut Bronson	$2	60	"	
291	Julia Boyd	Capt. J. W. Duff	$10	60	"	
292	Silvia Gardner	Pioneer Corps	$10	60	"	
293	Mary Hicks	Sgt. John Martin	$10	30	"	
294	Harriet —	Capt H. P. Ledger	$12	60	Apl 2	
295	Charlotte Halloway	Herself	—	30	Apl 3d	
296	Eliza Holmes	Benj. Clinton	$10	30	"	
297	Peter [illegible]	Samuel Evans	$15	60	"	
298	Harriet Parker	L. La Crosse	$3	60	"	

Ruff Englurann	Chas. D Taylor	$20	90	Apr. 3	
Ethilrida Conner	Herself	—	—	"	
Abbie Hill	Lieut Parrison	$14	90	"	
Louisa Pope	Lieut. Parrison	—	90	"	
Mary Tyree	Herself	—	30	"	
Stepheus	Col Graves	$13	90	Apr. 4th	
Harry Mills	Col Graves	$10	90	"	
Sally Conner	Herself	—	30	Apr 6th	
Sarah A Winnie	Steward at Citizens Hosp	$30	60	"	
Charles Taylor	Capt C. H. Gaubert	$1.50	60	April 7th	
Charles Jackson	Lieut Thomas Snobe	$8	60	"	
Charity Briscoe	Herself	—	60	"	
George Hill	Capt Henry P Ledger	12	60	"	
Peter Cat	Mr Jones	15	60	"	
Tomby Buck	Herself	—	15	Apr 8th	
Fanny Bell	John Anthony	$12	60	" 10th	
Eliza Buffett	Herself	—	30	"	
Lucy Thrust	Maj Graves	15	60	"	
Pleasant Galloway	A. Boyd & Co	$40	90	Apr 11th	
Anne Galloway	Herself	$—	60	" 13th	
Charles Berry	Robert Gillespie	$15	90	Apr 15th	
Nancy Thompson	Herself	—	60	" 17th	
Milly Jones	Elizabeth Hackett	$8	60	"	
Eliza Holmes	Col W. H. Graves	$8	90	Apr 18th	
Mary Ann Penn	Herself	—	30	"	
Henry Walker	Dr. Owens	$20	90	Apr 20th	
Bonaparte Thrust	Lieut. A. R Lencewicz	$7	30	Apr 21st	
Melcena McClarin	Herself	—	60	"	
Jordon Taylor	J. G. Harris	$20	60	Apr 22nd	
Melvina Wigfy	Lieut. Parrison		30	"	
Sally Boyd	C. J. Yates	$13	30	Apr 22th	
Andy Jackson	William Yates	$12	60	"	
Joe Gibson	Mrs Brown	$25	30	"	
Wyatt Robinson	Capt. C. H. Gaubert	$5	60	"	
Agnes Williams	D. O. Bordley	$8	30	Apr 25th	

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294							
295							
296	Thomas Fields	Capt. C H Gaubert	$30	60	May 1st		
297	Nancy Flueck	Hursely	—	45	"		
298	Rutley A. Ellis	Thomas Quinn	$15	45	"		
299	John Carter	Lieut. J. C. Anderson	$10	45	"		
300	Louisa Young	Mr Pierce	$30	45	"		
301	Alsion Taylor	Geo. D. Taylor	$15	45	"		
302	Eliza Taylor	Do	$10	45	"		
303	Moses Goodrich	C H Choat (col'd)	$15	45	"		
304	Lewis Ferguson	Hinsely		44	May 2nd		
305	Clemina Littleton			55	Apl 21st		
306	Fanny Smith	S W Fosler	$5	55	May 6th		
307	Melvina Wimpy	A. J. White	$15	40	May 8th		
308	Isaac Magby	Hinsely	—	30	" 13th		
309	Francis Magby	E. T. Wood & Co	$10	30	"		
310	Thomas Jackson	Hinsely	—	30	16th		
311	Lucy Couch	G. W. Rylant	$15	30	17th		
312	Peter Cox	J. M. McClintock	$15	30	18th		
313	Mary Wimpy	do					
314	Abbie Hide	Turner	$20	30	22nd		
315	Mollie Hill	Hursey	—	30	"		
316	Felix Flueck	Hinsely	—	60	25th		
317	Mary Buck	Pioneer Corps	$15	60	27th		
318	Caley Bagby	3rd Wis Cavalry	$12	30	29th		
319	Braddock Mebourne	Hinsely	—	30	Jun 1st		
320	William Johnson	"		30	"		
321	Edmund Waters	"		30	"		
322	Dock Davis	"		30	"		
323	Edmund McNeil	"		30	"		
324	Lucinda Washington	"	—	60	June 3rd		
325	Cato Couch	"		60	" 5th		
326	John Davis	"		60	"		
327	Joseph Evans	"		60	"		
	William Johnson	Mrs. Bates	$15	30	June 10th		

	Name	Name of Employer	Wages per Month	Period	Date	When Returned	Record
	Ann Jackson	Geo. Davis	$15-	60	June 15		
	Sarah Hays	John Finch	$10	30	June 23		
	Littleton Becton	Nursery	-	30	" 24		
	Charity Parker	Ambulance Corps	8	60	July 6		
	Jacob Lamb	Nursery	-	30	" 10		

L. H. Moreland

"Farmers Home" Prairie County. Ark. In the neighborhood of McIntosh Plantation

No.	Name	Date	Prairie	Wages	Remarks
75	Daniel Moreland	Feb 1st	33	$10	
76	Tuck "	"	"	$20	
77	Halloway "	"	"	$25	
78	Alexander "	"	"	$25	
79	Peter "	"	"	$21	
80	Henry "	"	"	$25	
81	Solide "	"	"	$12½	
82	Elbert "	"	"	$12½	
	Daniels Wife				There women and children Mr Moreland retains with him during the season agreeing to support them, furnishing each with a tract of ground for their cultivation, rent free and only using their labor in extend cases.
	Charity				
	Matilda				
	Delia, Hollaways Wife				
	Antonett				
	Mary Alex Wife				
	Alford				
	Mary, Peters Wife				
	Selina				
	Adalade Henrys Wife				
	Birt				
	Emily				
	Jane				
	Alie				
	Macon				

J. R. McNeil

Center Township Prairie Co Arkansas

Name	Date	Period	Wages	Remarks
Alex McNeil	Feb 6th	30 d	$25-	
Richard McNeil	"	30 d	$15-	
Judea	"	30 d	$10	
Eliza Wife of Alex 5 children				
Esther " " Rich. 7 "				
Hannah, 2 children				complain by Richard that Hannah
Marilla 8 "				is a better hand than Judea &
Jane 1 "				deserves wages
Oliver (blind)				

Charlestown Dailies

No	Name	Date	Period	Wages	Remarks
76	Thomas Bryant	Feb 24th	310	$2 0	
77					
78					
79					
80					
81					
82					

B. B. Allen

Name	Date Paid	Wages	Remarks
Peter Allen & 3 chil	March 29th 300		B. B. Allen contracts to
Calvin "	" 300		furnish Peter with land teams
Daniel "	" 300		and tools and to give him
Charley "	" 300		half he makes. Rations to
Julia " & 3 child	" 300		be deducted from Peter shares
Jack Harris	" 300		Employed by Mrs. Cooper, He
Stephen			is to haul all he raises.

Rail and River Passes

No	Date	Name	Residence	Where to go
1	March 28th	Augustus Alexander	De balls Bluff	Memphis Tenn
2	" 28th	Littleton Becton	De balls Bluff	Des Arc Ark
3	" 31st	Louisa Young	De balls Bluff	Little Rock Ark
4	" 31st	Casander Price	De balls Bluff	Little Rock Ark
5	31st	George Washington	De balls Bluff	Little Rock Ark
6	April 1	Jane Galloway	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
7	1	Harriet Wakefield	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
8	1	Tempe Williams	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
9	1	Henry Smith and Peggy Anderson	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
10	1	Peter Ross	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
11	3	Louisa Gardener	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
12	3	James Hurd	Mouth of White River	Memphis Tenn
13	4th	Eliza Tipsins and Francis Ford	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
14	4th	Andy Tate and 3 others	Louisville Ky	Cairo Ills
15	4th	George Christian	"	"
16	4th	Nancy Davis and Child	Helena Ark	Helena
17	4th	George Coleman	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
18	3th	Peter Cox		
19	8th	Eliza Smith	Memphis	Memphis Ten
20	10th	Ann Jackson	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
21	11	Joseph Brown	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
22	11	Francis Jackson and two others	Des Arc	Des Arc. Ark.
23	11	Thomas Jackson	Des Arc	Des Arc. "
24	11	Patience Evans	Little Rock	Little Rock
25	13	Charles Williams	Cincinnati	Little Rock
26	13th	Mary Halchel	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
27	14th	Augustus Gibson	Des Arc	Des Arc
28	14th	Cobb Jackson	Des Arc	Des Arc
29	14th	Anthony Jones	Des Arc	Des Arc
24	16th	Fanny Edwards	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
25	13th	Henry Mosely	Des Arc	Des Arc
26	13th	Ellen Thomas	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
27	14th	Letha Allen	Do	Do

Rail Road and River Passes

	Date	Name	Residence	Destination
8	Apl 15th	Charles Williams	Cincinnati	Memphis
9	" 16th	Melinda Tracy	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
10	" 17th	Fanny Lilly	St Louis	Little Rock
11	" 17th	Lyrus Barber	Little Rock	St. Charles
12	" 17th	Henrietta De Vall	De Valls Bluff	Brownsville
13	" 17th	Monroe Thomas	De Valls Bluff	Brownsville
14	" 20th	Maria Meyer	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
15	" 21	Haynes Thomas and two Sons	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
16	" 21	Rosanna Addison	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
17	22nd	Melinda Frazier	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
18	22nd "	Sarah Tarbur	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
19	22nd "	Mary Gasbury	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
20	22nd "	Cook Isra	De Valls Bluff	Brownsville
21	22nd "	Nat Rainey	De Valls Bluff	Brownsville
22	22nd "	Mary and Melvina Wimpy	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
23	22nd "	Mary Troyel	De Valls Bluff	Bayou Meto
24	24th	Nidria Boots	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
25	25th	Sarah Young	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
26	25th	Rachel Moore	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
27	25th	Rosanna Addison and Hulda McKnight	Helena	Helena
28	25th	Margaret Edwards	De Valls Bluff	Memphis
29	21	Alexander Frazier	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
30	26	Caroline Williams	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
31	26	Martha Ann Watkins	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
32	27th	Sarah Roberts	Little Rock	Little Rock
33	27th	James Poe	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
34	27th	Molly Smith	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
35	29th	Kate Clay and Temp Williams	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
36	29th	Ellen Thomas	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
37	29th	Richad Williams	Do	Do
38		Louisa Harris	"	"
39	30th	Harriet Payne	"	"
40	May 1st	Granville Shaw	Do	"

River and Rail Road Papers

No.	Date	Name	Residence	Destination
61.	May 1st	Mary Jones	De Valls Bluff	Little Rock
62	"	Ruth A Ellis	De balls Bluff	Brownsville
63	"	Anna Gillespie	"	Little Rock
64	"	Mary Hurd	"	"
65	"	Phebe Hill	"	"
66	May 2	Mary Lasbury	"	"
67	"	Minerva Washington	Little Rock	"
68	May 5th	Delilah Waterle	De balls Bluff	"
69	"	Esther Canfield	"	"
70	May 6th	Mary Hicks	De balls Bluff	"
71	" 7th	Betsy Williams	"	"
72	" 6th	George Galloway	De balls Bluff	"
73	" 6th	Peter Ross	"	Helena
74	" 7th	Caroline Henry	"	Little Rock
75	" 7th	Sarah Steadway	"	"
76	" 7th	Tony Smith	"	St Louis
77	" 8th	Linda Gardner	"	Little Rock
78	" 9th	James Baugh	"	"
79	" 8th	Daniel Sarah Wife	Little Rock	Memphis Tenn
80	10th	Matilda Taylor	"	Little Rock
81	" 9th	Epsy Bussie	De balls Bluff	"
82	11th	Martha Ann Watkins	Little Rock	"
83	12th	Tempe Williams	De balls Bluff	"
84	12th	Hannah Harrison	"	"
85	12th	Elvira Keyton	"	"
86	12th	Amanda Qualls	"	"
87	13	Cook Israel	"	Brownsville
88	13	Henry Harrison	Little Rock	Little Rock
89	15	Silvia Banks	Brownsville	Brownsville
90	15th	Agnes Williams	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
91	16th	Eliza Kimball	"	"
92	16th	Mary Robinson	"	"
93	17th	George Coleman	De balls Bluff	Little Rock
94	17th	Julia Brown	"	"
95	17th	Peter Cox	"	"

96	May 19th	Thomas Oliver	De Valls Bluff	Memphis Tenn
97	"	Mary Murphy	"	Little Rock
98	20	Milly Habina	"	"
99	20	Evaline Maguire	Little Rock	"
100	21	Albert Lewis & Wife	"	"
101	22	Mary Trevet & Maria Morris	De Valls Bluff	"
102	22	Esther Hill	"	Memphis
103	23	George Coffee	"	"
104	24	Henrietta Lee & Rollins	"	Little Rock
105	24	Betsy Williams	"	Memphis
106	25th	Lodisa Boone	"	Little Rock
107	25th	Rutty Ellis	"	Memphis
108	27th	Casandra Price	"	Little Rock
109	27th	Louisa Young	"	"
110	27th	Green Mills	"	Memphis
111	27th	George Coleman	"	"
112	28th	Maria Tighlman	"	Brownsville
113	28th	Mary Walcutt & E Keyton	"	Little Rock

" "

1	Apr 4	William Lewis	Little Rock	brickmason - also pickled
2	" 18th	Isaac Jackson	De Valls Bluff	" " " "
3	June 3	George Washington	" "	" " " "
4	" "	William Johnson	" "	" " " "

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Record of Contracts made before Lieut. W. S. McCullough Supt. R. F. & A.L.

Date of Contract.	No. of Contract.	By whom made.
Dec. 9th 1865	1	Robert Smally and colored man Alford Smally & wife and five Children of Monroe Co. Ark. Fees. 90 cts pd.
Dec. 9th 1865.	2.	Thomas J. Brown. with Freedmen. George Brown and Phillis Brown two small children. of Monroe Co. Ark. Fees. 50 cts paid.
Dec 12th 1865	3.	Mrs. Mary A. Brown. with Freedmen, Jackson McGaughy. & Squires McGaughy & Guy McBride of Monroe Co Ark. Fees 50 cts paide
Dec. 12th 1865	4	Thomas B. McCreight with Freedmen Robert Forrest of Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 cts paid
Dec. 12th 1865.	5.	Mrs. Harriet M. Stuart with Freedmen. Sam Stuart and wife and boy. also Emiline & Simon Stuart Monroe Co. Ark. Fees. 70 cts paid.
Dec. 12th 1865.	6	Mr~~s~~ Kitchens & Vail with Eight Freedman on their Plantation in Monroe Co Ark Fees $4.00 paid
Dec. 12th 1865.	7	Simon P. Hughes with three Freedman on his Plantation in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 cts paid
Dec. 12 1865	8.	Messrs Baylor & Davis with Lucy Ann Rogers (colored) and four children Fees 40 cts paid.
Dec. 12 1865	9	Dederick Pike with Mary Jane Washington (colored) of Monroe Co. Ark Fees 30 cts paide
Dec. 12th 1865.	10	Robert Stephens with Miles Golden (colored) in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 cts paid

Date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom made.
Dec. 13th 1865.	11.	John M. Smith with Harriet Smith (colored) and three children in Monroe co Ark Fees to pay
Dec. 13th 1865.	12.	Benj. F. Adams & Fanny A. Adams with Robert Adams and family (colored) and Burton Jones and his family colored in Monroe Co Ark Fees 68 paid
Dec. 13th 1865.	13	John H. Bulls with William Stallings and wife (colored) in Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid
Dec. 13th 1865.	14.	John H. Bulls with Jerry Bulls and wife (colored) in Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid
Dec. 15th 1865	15	John H. Bulls with Isaac Dean & wife four children (colored) in Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid
Dec. 16th 1865.	16	George T. Hughes with Holloway colored man in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Dec. 23rd 1865.	17	Henry Ingram with Gemima Ch[illegible] and two other colored persons in Prairie Co. Ark Fees Pd
Dec. 23rd 1865	18	M. D. Welch with twenty-four colored men to work in Monroe Co Ark. Fees
Dec. 23rd 1865.	19	W. A. M. Mann with 3 col'd men Jordan Reeves W[illegible] Brundidge & Holloway Prairie Co Ark. Fees paid.
Dec. 20th 1865.	20	Josiah Maples. and thirty-three Freedmen on his plantation in Desha Co Ark Fees paid
Dec. 20th 1865	21	J. H. Branch with thirty four Freedmen on his plantation in Desha Co Ark Fees paid

Date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom made
Dec. 22nd 1865	22	Hector McNiel with 22 Freedmen on his Plantation in Desha Co Ark Fees paid
Dec. 22nd 1865.	23	W. M. Carter with 9 Freedmen on his Plantation in Desha Co. Ark. Fees paid.
Dec. 25th 1865.	24	James Raveline with 45 Freedmen on his Plantation in Desha Co. Ark. Fees paid
Dec. 25th 1865.	25.	J. M. Gordan with 13 Freedmen to work on his Plantation in Desha Co. Ark Fees paid
Dec. 25th 1865	26	Isaac Love with 4 Freedmen to work on his Plantation in Desha Co. Ark Fees paid
Dec. 29th 1865	27	A. J. Townsend & Eli Hodges with 3 Freedmen on their Plantation in Monroe Co Ark Fees.
Dec. 30th 1865	28	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with Peter Dean Freedman for 1866. County of Prairie State of Ark Fees paid.
Dec. 30th 1865.	29	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with Alick Reeves Freedman for 1866. Fees paid.
Dec. 30th 1865	30.	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with Calvin Archold Freedman for 1866. Fees paid.
Dec. 30th 1865	31.	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with Hendrick Keyes, Henry Brown and Peter [illegible] to work 1866. Fees paid
Dec. 30th 1865	32	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with Gillie colored woman for 1866. Fees paid.
Dec. 30th 1865.	33	Mrs. S. A. E. Bogard with George H. Smith & Thomas Price for 1866 Fees paid

Date of Contract	No. of contract	By whom made.	[illegible] of Contract
Jan 1st 1866.	34	E. Hinton with Jordan Reeves Freedmen for the year 1866. Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid	[illegible] 3"
Jan. 1st 1866	35	D. Johnson and two Freedmen to work for the year 1866. Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid	Jan. 4th
Jan 2nd 1866.	36	Willie Nichols. with Four Freedmen to work during the year 1866. Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid	Jan. 4th
Jan 2/66	37	Lost Deed. Not recorded by mistake. Prairie Co. Ark. J. Hughes with two Freedmen to work the year 1866. Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid	Jan 6"
Jan 2/66	38	George F. Hoar with 7 Freedmen to work during the year 1866. Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid	Jan. 8
Jan 2/1866	39	George F Hughes with George Taylor Freedmen. to work during the year 1866. Prairie Ark	Jan. 8
Jan 2/1866	40	James Cairnes with 4 Freedmen to work during 1866. Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid	Jan. 8th
Jan 2nd 1866	41	Mrs Mary Horton with Jack Nichols Freedman to work 1866. Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid	Jan 8
Jan. 2d 1866	42.	James Cairnes with Richard M. Johnson Freedmen to work 1866. Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid	Jan. 8
Jan. 2nd 1866	43	Nathaniel B. Turner with Henry Boyd Freedmen to work during 1866. Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid	Jan. 8
Jan. 3rd 1866	44	J. K. Reid with 2 Freedmen to work during the year 1866. Prairie Co Ark. Fees paid	[illegible] 8
Jan. 3rd 1866	45	G. A. Macdonald with 3 Freedmen for 1866. Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid	[illegible] 818

	Date of Contract	No of Contract	By who & to Whom Made
the	n. 3rd 1866	46	Isaac M. Rowan with Four colored people to work during the year 1866. Arkansas Co. Ark Fees paid
the year	in. 4th 1866	47	Robert L. Harris with Phelix Twitchel Freedmen to work 1866. in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees paid.
ing the	n. 4th 1866	48	Wm C. Bogard with Stephen and wife and Eddie Bogard Freedmen. to Prairie State of Ark. Fees paid.
work	an 6th 1866	49	F. G. Gallagen with four Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees &c. paid
rk. and aid	Jan. 8 1866	50	A A. Green with Albert colored. in Prairie Co Ark Fees 30 paid
eed- ork	Jan. 8th 1866	51	Benjamin F. Kerr with eleven Freedmen in Monroe County Arkansas. Fees $1.10 pd
during	Jan. 8th 1866	52.	John H. Walls with six Freedmen in Monroe Co. Arkansas. Fees .60 pd
an	Jan 8th 1866	53	John H. Walls. with two Freedmen in Monroe Co. Arkansas Fees .40 pd
eedmen	Jan. 8th 1866	54	John H. Walls with Mahalia Oates Freed, in Monroe Co Ark. Fees .10 pd
eedmen	e. 8 1866	55	Wm S Whitby with two Freedmen. in Monroe Co. Arkansas. Fees .40 pd
66 hind	er. 8/66	56	John S. Fumen with three Freedmen in Monroe co. ark. Fee .30 pd
66 C.	r. 8 1866	57	James Kerr with six Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark Fee .60 pd

Date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom made.
Jan. 8th 1866	58	Benjamin F. Kerr with Hey Wilson Freedwomen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees 50 pd
Jan. 8/66	59.	H. B. Richardson with six Freedmen on Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 80 pd
Jan. 8th 1866	60.	A. M. Dillard with twenty-four Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 2 40 pd
Jan. 8/66	61.	W. B. Whitley with twenty-four Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 2 50 pd
Jan. 8 1866	62.	John W. Wallis with Ed. Locke Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 40 pd
Jan. 8 1866	63.	Mrs. N. G. Bennett with seven Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees $1 10 pd
Jan. 9th/66	64.	Sam. Saylor with Isaac Hill Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark Fees 25 pd
Jan. 9/66	65.	B. B. Allen with Peter colored man in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 10 pd.
Jan. 9/66	66	S. N. Jackson with six Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark. Fees 60 pd
Jan. 9/66	67	F. J. Price with ten Freedmen in Arkansas Co. Ark. Fees $1 20 pd
Jan. 9/66	68	Allen A Pitman with three Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark. Fees 50 pd
Jan. 9/66	69	Alex. Pipkins with Sam Calvert in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 10 pd
Jan. 9th 1866	70	D. McCatlin with Lucy & Armstead Colored in the County of Prairie State of Ark. Fees 50 pd
Jan 9. 1866	71	Sarah A. Watson with Nancy Reed Colored in the Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 pd
Jan. 9th/66	72	Phineas Hill with Isaac Robert Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 50 pd
Jan. 9/66	73	Mrs S. E. Sutton with Silas Sutton Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees Fees 20 pd
Jan. 9th 1866	74	R. E. Bonds with two Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 40 pd
Jan. 9th 1866	75	R. E. Bonds with Allen Suddeth Freedmen in Monroe Ark. Fees 40 pd
Jan. 9th 1866	76	John M. Kerr with Wiley Sutton Freedmen in Monroe. Co. Ark. Fees 20 cts pd
Jan. 9th 1866	77	John M. Kerr with Levy Sutton Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 20 cts pd
Jan. 9th 1866	78	John M. Kerr with Melin Sutton Freedwomen in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 20 cts pd
Jan. 9th 1866	79.	John M. Kerr with James Kerr Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees 40 pd
Jan 10th 66	80.	D. W. Wood with two Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark Fees 30 cts pd
Jan. 10th 1866	81.	A. W. Thomas with Carroll (colored man) in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 40 pd

Date of Contract.	No. of Contract	By whom made.
Jan. 10 1866	82	W. S. Moore with Eben Moore colt. in Prairie Co Ark. Fees .25 pd
Jan. 10/1866	83	W. A. Gamer with Willis Davis Colored in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees .10 pd
Jan. 10 1866	84	A. J. Thomas with Joseph & Ann Thomas Freedmen in Monroe Co ark. Fees .40 pd
Jan. 11 1866	85	A. J. Thomas with ten Freedmen on Prairie Co Ark Fees $1.00 pd
Jan. 10 1866	86	A. J. Thomas with Charlotte Evans (col.) in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .50 pd
Jan. 10 1866	87	John Holloway with five Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees .50 pd
Jan. 10th 1866	88	A. H. Sugerson with sixteen Freedmen in Ark Co. Ark Fees $1.60 pd
Jan. 10, 1866	89	D. F. Rumhaedt with Wallace Dow. (Col) in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees .20 pd
Jan. 10/1866	90	Daniel Harshaw with eight Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees .80 pd
Jan. 10 1866	91	P. M. Bellus with Frankly Harper (col. in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees .10 pd
Jan. 10 1866	92	Alvin A. Oates with Joseph Oates & family Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 60 pd
Jan 10/66	93	Olivin A. Oates with three Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees .30 pd
Jan. 10 1866	94	Benjamin P. Adams with three Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .30 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	95	Wm M. Mayo with twenty Freedmen in Monroe Co ark. Fees $2.00 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	96	Thomas J. Swift with two colored in Monroe Co Ark Fees .20 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	97	John W. Mayo with Moses Mayo Freedmen in Monroe ark. Fees .20 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	98	John G. Cartwright with twenty seven Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees $2.70 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	99	Mrs Delilah Mc Bride with George Hawkins & family in Monroe Co Ark Fees .50 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	100	Norfleet A. Cotton with Nancy Cotton colored in Monroe Co ark Fees .10 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	101	Norfleet A. Cotton with Henry Fredrick Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .20 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	102	Norfleet A. Cotton with Winnie Cotton colt in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .10 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	103	A. C. Mayo with eleven Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark Fees $1.10 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	104	T. S. Mayo with two Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .20 pd
Jan. 11th 1866	105	Thomas J. Swift with four Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees .40 pd

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Jan. 11th 1866	106	John H. Mayo with seven Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 70 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	107	Hardin & Wilson with five Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 50 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	108	A. J. Walker with Charles Roberts Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark Fees 00 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	109	Norfleet H. Cotton with Peter Lewis Smith & family Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	110	E. J. Wilder with Henry Wilder Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	111	Mrs. Celinia Wilder with Stael Wilder Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	112	B. G. Walker with Isaac Roberts Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	113	John Walker with Joshua Blackburn Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 20 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	114	Samuel R. Pointer with fourteen Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 140 paid
Jan. 11th 1866	115	Lawrence S. Mayo with nine Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees 90 paid
Jan 11th 1866	116	Norfleet H. Cotton with Wm Cotton Colt in Monroe Co Ark Fees 30 paid
Jan 12 1866	117	J D Manow with two Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark Fees 40 cts paid
Jan 12 1866	118	L. C. McLeoy with two Freedmen in Woodruff Co. Ark. Fees 20 cts paid
Jan. 12 1866	119	F. M. Robinson with four Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 12 1866	120	J. C. Gay with 10 Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Freedmen Fees paid
Jan 12th 1866	121	F. M. Robinson with Thornton Hall Freedman in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 20 paid
Jan. 12 1866	122	B. G. Potter with five Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 50 paid
Jan. 12 1866	123	Henry D. Green with six Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees 80 paid
Jan. 12 1866	124	W M. Dillard with Millie Dillard Colored woman in Monroe Co. Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan 12 1866	125	M. C. Blavangame with Thomas Wiley Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 30 paid
Jan. 12 1866	126	James I Johnson with Isaac Mayo Freedman in Monroe Co. Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 12 1866	127	James I. Johnson with six Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees 60 paid
Jan. 12 1866	128	Jesse Wiggins with Sarah Beard Freedman in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 12 1866	129	William Simmons with James Smith Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 20 paid.

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Jan. 12th 1866	130	William D. Kerr with Mary Kerr Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 13 1866	131	William D. Kerr with Henry Kerr Freedmen in Monroe Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 12th 1866	132	William D. Kerr with Cooper Banks. Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 12 1866	133	Lewis D. Sheppard with Stephen Roberts & Napoleon Herod & David Mullins in Monroe Co Ark Fees paid
Jan. 13th 1866	134	A. B. Turnett with Henry Tarstwell in Prairie Co Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan 13/1866	135	Jersey & Henry McNeil with two colored men in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 30 paid
Jan. 13 1866	136	S. A. McNeil with four Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 13th 1866	137	G. W. Mann with Dave Ratford in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 13th 1866	138	D. F. Pair with four Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 60 paid
Jan 13 1866	139	Thomas A. Mullins with two Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark Fees 20 paid
Jan. 13 1866	140	Joseph L. Whitlock with four Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 13th 1866	141	A. G. Billingsley with Jamin Nelson Colored man in Monroe Co Ark Fees 20¢ paid

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Jan. 14th 1866	142	John D. Wiles with six Freedmen in Desha Co. Ark Fees 60 paid
Jan. 15 1866	143	Mrs. Emily Neuny with Greene Williams Freedman in Desha Co Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 15 1866	144	Nancy C. Bryles with four Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 15th 1866	145	Edmond Stratten with Daniel Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 15th 1866	146	E. L. Bogard with Charles & Henry Bogard Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark Fees 20 paid
Jan. 15th 1866	147	William Wood with two Freedmen in Arkansas Co Ark Fees 20 paid
Jan. 16 1866	148	William E. Blain with three Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 50 paid
Jan. 17/66	149	F. C. Gartrell with Julius C. Gartrell Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 17 1866	150	W. A. Harper with James Harper col'd in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 17 1866	151	Sarah A. Kittrell with John Kittrell col'd in Prairie Co Ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 17 1866	152	G. A. McGee with Madison Waller col'd in Prairie Co. Ark.
Jan. 17/66	153	M. R. Robinson with John Robinson & family in Prairie Co Ark Fees 20 paid

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Jan. 17 1866	154	R. St. Webb with Sydney Bradley colt in Prairie Co ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 18th 66	155	Urban H. Hornberger with 11 Freedmen in Desha Co ark Fees 110 paid
Jan. 18/66	156	M. G. Stone with Agnes Bulls colt in Prairie Co ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 18/66	157	W. H. H. Brown with Peter Hardy & Ruthy Ellis in Prairie Co ark Fees 20 paid
Jan. 20/66	158	A. W. Phillips with four Freedmen in Monroe Co ark Fees 60 paid
Jan 23/66	159	G. G. Holloway & D. F. Branch with three Freedmen in Prairie Co ark. Fees 30 paid
Jan. 24/66	160	W. L. Kirk with five Freedmen in Prairie County Ark Fees 50 paid
Jan. 22/66	161	Thos. A Mullins with four Freedmen in Monroe Co. ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 26 1866	162	J. S. & S. P. Clements with twenty-five Freedmen in Monroe Co ark Fees 250 paid
Jan. 26th 66.	163	C. W. Swift with ten Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 100 paid
Jan 26th 1866	164.	Robt. S. Thompson with two Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees. 40 paid
Jan. 26. 1866	165	Joseph W. Harrell with eight Freedmen in Monroe Co. ark. Fees 80 paid

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Jan. 26, 1866	166	Robert St. Webb with Isaac St. Webb colt in Prairie Co ark. Fees 10 paid
Jan. 27/66	167	S. L. Hobbell with four Freedmen in Woodruff Co. Ark. Fees 40 paid
Jan. 27/66	168	James W. Cook with one Colt man. in Monroe Co ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 29/66	169	R. A. Gallightly with six Freedmen in ark
Jan 29/66	170	John Bulls with 9 Freedmen on his Plantation County of Prairie ark Fees paid
Jan. 29/66	171	Sarah Amos with Albert Tilland colt in Arkansas Co ark Fees 10 paid
Jan. 30/66	172	Edwin S. Austin with Caroline Jackson colt, women in Prairie Co ark Fees 30 paid
Jan. 30/66	173	John Pike with five Freedmen in Arkansas Co Ark Fees 50 paid
Jan. 31, 1866	174	Abram Obyekoff with 9 Freedmen in ark Fees 90 cts paid.
January 31st 1866	175	Bonded with 65 Freedmen on his Plantation County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 3rd 1866	176	Ephraim Lackie with 2 Freedmen on his Plantation Prairi Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 6th 1866	177	Wm. H. Threat with 2 Freedmen on his Plantation Prairie Co. Ark Fees paid

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Feb. 6th 1866	178	Marcus D. Reed with one Freedman on his Plantation in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 6th 1866	179	P. S. Dent with two Freedmen on his Plantation in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 6th 1866	180	Moses Boyd with two Freedmen on his Plantation in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 6th 1866	181	W. H. H. Deans with two Freedmen on his Plantation in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid.
Feb. 7th 1866	182	John Jackson with 15 Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 7th 1866	183	[illegible] with two Freedmen on [illegible] Monroe Co. Ark. Fees pd.
Feb. 8th 1866	184	J. C. Hicks with 13 Freedmen on his Plantation in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 8th 1866	185	W. Mizell with one Freedman in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb 8th 1866	186	W. S. Grooms with 3 Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 9th 1866	187	G. W. King with 2 Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 9th 1866	188	J. L. Neil with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 9th 1866	189	Wiley Nichols with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid

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Feb. 9th 1866	190	W. C. McKendree with Freedmen in Prairie County Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 9th 1866	191	William Tubbs with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 9th 1866	192	[illegible] Brock with Freedmen in [illegible] Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 9th 1866	193	Cable Brock with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 9th 1866	194	W. C. McKendree with Freedman in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 9th 1866	195	Mayo S. Swift with Freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 9th 1866	196	Mayo S. Swift with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 10th 1866	197	W. A. Suit with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark Fees Paid
Feb. 10th 1866	198	Albert G. Blakemore with 2 Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 10th 1866	199	Simeon Horne with 2 Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 10th 1866	200	S. W. Kennedy with 2 Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 10th 1866	201	Ann M. Neely with Freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees Paid

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Feb. 10th 1866	202	John C. Covian with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	203	Reuben Reagin with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	204	W. F. Ridout with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	205	Thos. Sanders with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	206	Thos. Sanders with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	207	John A. Frith with Prairie Co. Ark.	Freedmen in Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	208	T. F. Green with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	209	David Kof with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	210	Mayo S. Sevett with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	211	William P. Blunk with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	212	Benjamin Bonner with County of Monroe Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 10th 1866	213	William M. McGregor with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid

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Feb. 11th 1866	214	John Hedgecocks with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	215	W. O. Pepper with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	216	M. M. Lewis with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	217	W. G. Frith with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	218	John Beeton with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	219	Thomas M. Means with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	220	Thomas M Means with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	221	Nathaniel A. Gray with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	222	Lucindia Jones with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	223	Lucinda Jones with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	224	W. C. Stoddell with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid
Feb. 11th 1866	225	H. H. Brown with County of Prairie Ark.	Freedmen in the Fees paid

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Feb. 12th 1866	226	William Frith with one Freedman in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 13th 1866	227	J. P. Owens with one Freedman in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 13th 1866	228	B. F. Ford with 13 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 13th 1866	229	J. L. Quinn with three Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 13th 1866	230	J. P. Weller with one Freedman in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 13th 1866	231	Lastin H. Morelew with one Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 13th 1866	232	Lastin H. Morelew with one Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 13th 1866	233	L. H. Morelew with 13 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 14th 1866	234	Thomas L. Mathews with 3 Freedmen in the County of Marion Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 16th 1866	235	O. B. Washington with one Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fee Paid
Feb. 16th 1866	236	O. B. Washington with one Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 17th 1866	237	John E. Agnew with one Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark Fees paid

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Feb. 17th 1866	238	Jack Thompson with 2 Freedmen in the County of Dejohn Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 17th 1866	239	Jos S. Alexander with 6 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 17th 1866	240	J. J. Williams with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 17th 1866	241	Jennie J. Wellborn with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fee Paid
Feb. 17th 1866	242	Jennie J. Wellborn with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 19th 1866	243	Jefferson S. Murrell with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 19th 1866	244	Jefferson S. Murrell with 3 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 19th 1866	245	Mayo & Swift with 5 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fee Paid
Feb. 20th 1866	246	James R. Jackson with 7 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 20th 1866	247	James S. Washington with 7 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid
Feb. 20th 1866	248	Samuel L. Black with 5 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 20th 1866	249	Samuel L. Black with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees Paid

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Feb. 20th 1866	250	Samuel L. Bears with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb. 2
Feb. 20th 1866	251	Samuel L. Bears with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 20th 1866	252	Samuel L. Bears with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 20th 1866	253	Samuel L. Bears with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	254	J. S. Maybury with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb. 2
Feb. 21st 1866	255	Samuel Mitchell with two Freedmen in the County of Arkansas Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	256	Robert Montgomery with 18 Freedmen in the County of Phillips Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	257	Boyce & Boyce with 16 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	258	B. J. Lambert with 26 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb. 2
Feb. 21st 1866	259	Thomas L. Mathews with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	260	Thomas A. Winston with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.
Feb. 21st 1866	261	Thomas A. Winston with 3 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid	Feb.

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Feb 21st 1866	262	Thomas A. Stanton with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark Fees paid
Feb. 23d 1866	263	W. H. McGaughey with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 23d 1866	264	W. H. McGaughy with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 23d 1866	265	W. H. McGaughy with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 23d 1866	266	W. H. McGaughy with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	267	A. J. Hall with one Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	268	W. M. Buck with 13 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	269	M. B. Park with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	270	M. B. Park with one Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	271	M. B. Park with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb 24th 1866	272	M. B. Park with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	273	M. B. Park with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid

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Feb. 24th 1866	274	M. B. Pace with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	275	Robert H. Patterson with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	276	John F. Oates with 3 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	277	Evans & Shepherd with 3 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	278	A. J. & R. B. Hays with 45 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	279	Joseph W. Foster with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	280	Isaac L. Reid with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	281	Mrs. S. H. Hamrick with 4 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	282	H. H. Allen with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	283	Andrew Pace with 3 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	284	Andrew Pace with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 24th 1866	285	Wellman Pace with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid

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Feb. 24th 1866	286	James H. Branch with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 26th 1866	287	J. H. Willis with 4 Freedmen in the County of Arkansas Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 26th 1866	288	J. R. Walton with 4 Freedmen in the County of Ark. Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 27 1866	289	John P. Smith with 3 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 27 1866	290	Thomas & Williams with 4 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb 28th 1866	291	Mrs. C. A. Gray with 2 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb. 28th 1866	292	Pace Boyles with 2 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Co Ark. Fees paid
Feb 28th 1866	293	Benj. F. McIntosh with 3 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb 1st 1866	294	John Jackson with 3 Freedmen in the County of Prairie Ark. Fees paid
Feb 2nd 1866	295	M. D. Welch with 74 Freedmen in the Co of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb 28 1866	296	J. H. Davis with 8 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid
Feb 28 1866	297	J. H. Dist with 2 Freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees paid

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March 2nd 1866	298	W. D. Arant with Wiley Lightfoot freedman County of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 cts paid
March 5th 1866	299	J. T. Kirk with one freedman in the Co. of Prairie Ark. Fees 10 cts paid
March 7th 1866	300	E. H. Cotton with one freedman in the Co. of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 paid
March 7th 1866	301	Mrs. S. A. Smith with two freedmen in the Co. of Monroe Ark Fees 20. paid
March 7th 1866	302	E. H. Cotton with five freedmen in the Co. of Monroe Ark. Fees 50 paid
March 7th 1866	303	E. H. Cotton with one freedman in the Co of Monroe Ark Fees 10 paid
March 8th 1866	304	John W. Standly with thirteen freedmen in the Co. of Monroe Ark. Fees 1.30 paid
March 8th 1866	305	P. W. Johnson with two freedmen in the Co of Monroe Ark Fees 20 paid
March 8th 1866	306	W. F. Washington with two freedmen in the County of Monroe Ark Fees 20 paid
March 8th 1866	307	J. M. Miller with one freedman in the Co of Monroe Ark. Fee 10c paid
March 8th 1866	308	Mrs. A. L. Moore with one freedman in the Co of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 paid
March 8th 1866	309	Mrs A. L. Moore with three freedmen in the Co. of Monroe Fees paid 30

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March 14th 1866	310	J. S. Groves with one Freedman in the Co. Monroe Ark. Fees paid 10 cts
March 14th 1866	311	J. S. Groves with one Freedman in the County of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 Cts paid
March 14th 1866	312	J. S. Groves with one freedman in the Co. of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 cts paid
March 14th 1866	313	J. S Groves with one freedman in the Co of Monroe Ark Fees 10 cts paid
March 15th 1866	314	W. A. Vessell with two freedmen in the Co. of Prairie Ark. Fees 20 paid
March 25th 1866	315	James H. Branch with one freedman in the Co of Monroe Ark. Fees 10 paid
March 25th 1866	316	W. L. Bergard with one freedman in the Co of Prairie Ark. Fee 10 cts paid
March 26th 1866	317	Spurrow & Patterson with one freedman in the Co. Monroe Ark. Fees 10 Cts paid
April 1st 1866	318	Logan H. Roots &c. with 18 freedmen in the Co Monroe Ark. Fees 1.80 paid
April 6th 1866	319	J. H. Bush and one freedman in the Co. Monroe Ark. Fee paid 10 cts
April 6th 1866	320	H. Cunningham with 10 freedmen in the Co. Monroe Ark. Fees $1.00 paid
April 10th 1866	321	J. P. Reed with 3 freedmen in the Co of Monroe Ark. Fees 30. paid

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April 11th 1866	322	J. H. Deal with 7 freedmen in the Co. of Monroe Ark. Fees 70 cts paid
April 11th 1866	323	Alex. Davidson with 10 freedmen in the Co. of Ark. Ark. Fees $1.00 paid
April 13th 1866	324	Thompson & Co. with 4 4 freedmen in the Co. of Prairie Ark. Fees $4.40 pd.
April 13th 1866	325	Murphy & Upson with 11 freedmen in the Co. of Woodruff Ark. Fees $1.10 paid
April 14th 1866	326	James S. Henderson with 22 freedmen in Jackson Co. Ark. Fees $2.20 paid
April 14th 1866	327	Evans & Shippard with 5 freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 50 cts paid
April 18th 1866	328	R. A. Richmond with 3 freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 30 cts paid
April 19th 1866	329	O. J. Washington with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark. Fee 30 cts. paid
April 21st 1866	330	J. S. Murrell with one freedman in Monroe Co. Ark. Fee 10 cts paid
April 21st 1866	331	Murphy & Upson with five freedmen in Woodruff Co. Ark Fees 50 cts paid
April 21st 1866	332	Blackwood & Davis with 3 freedmen in Jackson Co Ark. Fee 30 cts paid

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April 21st 1866	333	W. D. Proctor with 24 freedmen in Woodruff Co. Ark. Fees $2.40 paid
April 21st 1866	334	Henderson & Laird with 4 freedmen in Jackson Co. Ark. Fees 40 cts. pd.
April 24th 1866	335	A. B. Oats with one freedman in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 10 cts. paid
April 24th 1866	336	A. F. Nelson with 3 freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark. Fees 30 cts. paid
April 26th 1866	337	Solomon S. Huntley with one freedman in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees 10 cts paid
April 28th 1866	338	Smith McClintock & Co. with 29 freedmen in Ark. Co. Ark. Fees $2.90 paid
April 29th 1866	339	W. D. Welch with 21 freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark. Fees $2.10 paid
May 25th 1866	340	Reuben B. Carlee with John Blackburn Prairie Co. Ark
June 20th 1866	341	G. W. Clark with 2 Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
June 30th 1866	342	McClintock Smith & Co with 13 Freedmen in Ark. Co. Ark
July 8th 1866	343	James Moore with 2 freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark
June 20. 1866	344	G. W. Clark with 7 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark

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Sept 11th 1866	345	Evans & Shiepard with Thos. Jones, col Monroe Co. Ark.
Oct. 30th 1866	346	Johnson Ford with 6 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
Dec 4th 1866	347	Pat H. Wheat with Jno Blackburn Prairie Co Ark
Jan 1st 1867	1	L H. Moreland with Gordon Reves col Prairie County Ark's
January 1st 1867	2	Isaac Dean. Col'd with Chas Hunter, col Prairie Co. Ark
January 1st 1867	3	Wm Banks (Cold) with 4 freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark
January 1st 1867	4	J H. Bulls with Jerry Bulls Col'd Prairie Co. Ark
January 1st 1867	5	J H. Bulls with Richard Jenkins Col'd Prairie Co. Ark
January 1st 1867	6	J H. Bulls with Isaac Dean Col'd Prairie Co Ark
January 1st 1867	7	J H. Bulls with Wm Banks col'd Prairie Co Ark
January 1st	8	Hannigan & Gallagher with 11 freedmen Monroe Co Ark

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1867 January 2nd	9	M D. Welch with 20 freedmen in Monroe Co. Ark
January 2nd 1867	10	M. D. Welch, with Harrison Price, col. Monroe Co. Ark
January 2nd	11	M. D. Welch with Wm Starks & J. Smith, col. Monroe Co Ark
January 2nd 1867	12	M. D Welch with Philip Starks, Col'd, Monroe Co Ark
January 2nd	13	M. D. Welch, with H. Ruff and H. Brown col Monroe Co Ark
January 2nd	14	M. D. Welch with Garret Stephens, col Monroe Co Ark
January 2nd	15	M. D. Welch with Daniel Jackson Col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 2nd	16	M. D. Welch with Albert Mosely Col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 2	17	M D Welch with J Blackburn & A Evans col Monroe Co Ark
January 3rd	18	Wm Harris with 2 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 3rd	19	Wm Harris with Richard Ponder col Monroe Co Ark
January 3rd	20	W. R. Harris with Gordon Connor col Monroe Co Ark

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January 3rd	21	H. R. Harris with Green Jackson col Monroe Co Ark
1867 January 3rd	22	Wiley Nichols with Wm Thomas col'd & L Prairie County Ark
January 3rd	23	Wiley Nichols with 4 freedmen in Prairie Co Ark's
January 3rd	24	Wiley Nichols with Clara Nichols col'd Prairie Co Ark's
January 4th 1867	25	Roots and Coy with Harrison & Brannan col'd Monroe Co Ark's
January 4th	26	Roots and Coy with R. and J. Aikens col'd Monroe Co Ark's
January 4th	27	Mrs. H. H. Johnson with Julius Caesar col'd Prairie Co Ark's
January 4th My	28	Julius Caesar col'd with Carl Thomas col'd Prairie Co Ark
January 7th My	29	W. L. Kirk with Kane Kelon col'd Prairie Co Ark
January 9th	30	B. F. Adams with Mollie Johnson Monroe Co Ark
January 13	31	M Ragland with Jerry & Dan Hunt Prairie Co Ark
January 15th	32	A Ragland with Ann Ragland col'd Prairie Co Ark

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January 15th 1867	33	Roots and Coy with Esq Holloway & Daughter col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 15	34	F. M. Lackie with 3 freedmen in Prairie Co. Ark
January 17th	35	W. A Harper with James Harper col'd Prairie Co Ark
January 17th	36	M. D. Welch with Jake Robinson col'd Monroe Co Ark's
January 19	37	M. D. Welch with Jerry Price col'd Monroe Co. Ark
January 19	38	Jacob Robinson Col'd with Chas Ferel col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 19	39	Corpon & Buchanan with A Wilkins Col Prairie Co. Ark
January 19	40	Roots and Coy with 3 freedmen in Monroe County Ark
January 20	41	M. D. Welch with Henry McCauley col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 21st	42	J. H. Dial with John Burgess Monroe Co Ark
January 21st	43	J. H. Dial with Hiram Hays col'd Monroe Co Ark
January 21	44	J. H. Dial with Virgil Howell col'd Monroe Co Ark's

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January 21st/67	45	J H Dial with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 21st	46	Wm L. Whitley, with 13 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark's
January 21st	47	Wm L. Whitley with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark's
January 21st	48	J H. Dial with Nancy Fisher col Monroe Co Ark's
January 21st	49	B. L. Adams. with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 21st	50	Thomas Hazel (col) and, N. Howard col with Bullard (2nd) Fanny Hunter col Monroe Co Ark
January 22nd/67	51	Henry Patterson with Eby Pender col Monroe Co Ark
January 22nd/67	52.	Johnson Ford with Fanny Davis col Monroe Co Ark
January 22nd	53	L. A Mayo with Eliza Redmond col Monroe Co Ark
January 22	54	Mayo (2nd) Swift with freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 22	55	Ben Stokes with Tennessee Clark col Monroe Co Ark
January 22	56	Lewis Whitley with Rody Whitley col Monroe Co Ark

date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom made
January 22nd	57	L.S. Mayo. with 5 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 22nd	58	John Taylor with Malinda Taylor Monroe Co Ark
January 22.	59	Mayo & Swift with 4 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 22.	60	H.L. Jackson with 10 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark's
January 23	61	N.G. Bennett with Isaac Wilson col Monroe Co Ark
January 23	62	John M. Kerr. with Lucy Sutton col Monroe Co Ark
January 23	63	John M. Kerr. with Wiley Sutton col Monroe Co Ark
January 23	64	N.G. Bennet with 2. Freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 23.	65	N.G. Bennet with 6 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 24	66	Rufus L. Kerr with James Rix col. in Monroe Co Ark
January 24	67	James Kerr with Dennis Rix col. Monroe Co Ark
January 24	68	H.M Dillard with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark

Date of Contract	No. of Contract	By whom made
January 24th 1867	69	H. M. Dillard with T. Walls, col Monroe Co Ark
January 24	70	James Kerr with Benj Duncan col Monroe Co Ark
January 24	71	R. L. Kerr with Ann Binger col Monroe Co Ark
January 24	72.	Albert Ragan freedmen in Monroe County Ark
January 25	73.	John W Kerr with James Sutton col Monroe Co. Ark
January 25	74	H M Dillard with Peter Douglass col Monroe Co Ark
January 25	75	H. M Dillard with Austin Dillard Monroe Co Ark
January 25	76	B J. Trotter with 2 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 25	77	T. J. Swift with Fayette Parr col Monroe Co Ark
January 25	78	T. J. Swift with Nancy Matthews col Monroe Co Ark
January 25	79	Reuben Matthews with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 25th	80	Reuben Matthews with Pike (and) Bond col Monroe Co Ark
January 25th 1867	81	H M Dillard with 2 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 25th 1867	82	B J Trotter with A. Smith col. Monroe Co Ark
January 25	83.	Geo W. May (and) Washington with 12 freedmen Monroe County Ark
January 25	84	A. C. Mayo with 4 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 25	85	T. L. Matthews with Matthews (and) Gay col Monroe Co Ark
January 25	86.	B J. Trotter with Malinda Trotter col Monroe Co Ark
January 26	87	Jas. L. Washington with 3 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark's
January 26	88	Samuel Pointer with 11 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 26	89	Samuel Pointer with Allen Patterson col Prairie Co Ark
January 26	90	Jas. L Washington with 4 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark
January 26	91	Jas. L Washington with John Jamerson col Monroe Co Ark
January 26	92	F. M Robinson with Wm Slaton col Monroe Co Ark

date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom made	Date
January 28th 1867	93	J. B. Murrell with George Hutton col Monroe Co Ark	
January 28	94	B. J. Lambert with 6 freedmen in Monroe Co Ark	January
January 28	95	B. J. Lambert with 2 freedmen in Monroe County Ark	February
January 30	96	Wm C. Bogard with Stephen Bogard col Prairie Co. Ark	February
January 30	97	W. C. Bogard with Richard (or) Nelson Johnson Prairie Co Ark	February
January 30	98	Wm C. Bogard with A. Bogard & D. Shepard col Prairie Co Ark	February
February 4th 67	99	D & H Hudspeth with Jacob Hebb col Prairie Co Ark	February
February 4	100	W. C. Hazen with 10 Freedmen in Prairie Co Ark	February
February 4th	101	Roots (or) Loy with Daniel Jones Col Monroe Co Ark	February
February 5th	102	George W. Mason with Dan. Lesser & wife col Prairie County Ark	February
February 12th	103	John H. Bulls with Edward & Malvina Briggs col Prairie County Ark	February
February 12th	104	J. H. Bulls with 3 freedmen in Prairie Co Ark	February

	Date of Contract	No. of Contract	By whom made
	January 12th 1869	105	Jerry Bulls. with C Lewis. Absalom col Prairie Co Ark
	February 12th	106	Isaac Dean. with Henry Fisher col Prairie Co Ark's
	February 12th	107	Jerry Bulls' col. with Wm Thompson col Prairie Co Ark's
	February 12	108	L. H. Moreland with 6 Freedmen in Prairie County Ark's
	February 12	109	M M. Yeakle with William Sells col Prairie Co. Ark
	February 12	110	M M Yeakle with Lon Gregg &c. col Prairie County Ark's
	February 12	111	M M. Yeakle with Jim Gilbert col Prairie County Ark's
	February 12	112	M M Yeakle with Wm Boyd col Prairie County Ark's
	February 13th	113	Susan Allen with 2 Freedmen in Prairie County Ark's
	February 15	114	John Cowan with Saml Brunt. col Des-Arc. Prairie Co Ark
	February 15	115	S N. Jackson. with Albert Reinhardt col Des-Arc Prairie Co Ark's
	February 15	116	J F. Greer & Bro. with Seth Bunch. col Des-Arc Prairie Co Ark

Contracts for 1868

Date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom Made
January 1st 1868	1	John H. Bulls. with Lewis. Boysen. Col Co Prairie Ark
January 1st	2	John H Bulls. with Jerry Bulls Col Co Prairie Co Ark
January 1st	3	John H. Bulls with Wm Banks Col Co Prairie ark
January 1st	4	John H. Bulls with Niven Punch and Charles Abston Col Co Prairie Co Ark
January 1st	5	John H. Bulls with Isaam Dean col Co Prairie Co Ark
January 1st	6	Abston Niven col Co with William Belfield. Col Co Prairie Co Ark
January 1st	7	Lewis Boysen col Co with Phillip Neely Col Co Prairie Co ark
January 1st	8	Wm Banks Col Co with Henry Fisher Col Co Prairie Co ark
January 4th	9	Jacob Robinson with John Smith. County of Monroe Ark
January 14th	10	Wm M. Mayo Esq Co with Jim Barnet- Geo. Glasper. & Felix Glasper. Col Co
January 14th	11	Daniel Hareham with amos Hasham col Co Hickory Plains ark

Contracts for 1868

Date of Contract	No of Contract	By whom Made
January 22d 1868	12	Reps Walls and Marrah. with John Taylor. George Washington Co Genl Govt County of Monroe ark
January 15	13	Alexander and Ray with. Henry Fisher Col Co Prairie Co ark
February 10th	14	J. D. & G. D. Clements with. Lewis Turgieon and James Marshal. Monroe Co Ark
February 19th	15	Gregory & Anthony and. Dennis Sheppard col County of Woodruff Ark
February 20th	16	R. M. Brower with Jacob Robinson col Co County of Monroe ark
February 21st	17	Jerome Haralson. with Henry Busom Patsy Busom and Charley Williamson col Co Woodruff County ark
February 21st	18	Jerome Harlem with Henry Busom Patsy Busom and Charley Williamson Woodruff Co ark
February 24	19	R. M. Mayo with Jas. J. Manuel & Josiah Jackson col
February 24th	20	Reps. Hilliard and Hathaway with William Mooney and Squire Edwards col County of Monroe ark
February 24th	21	R. M. Mayo with John Jenkins and Spring Washington col Co.

Contracts for 1868

Date of Contract	No of contract	By whom Made
February 24th 1868	22	Saml R. Painter with. John Thomas Dawson Wood. Burrell McManey Din Luder Jack Boyd and George Bond. Col'd
February 24th	23	Wm H. Mayo with Osalon Mayo Jim Silvers. Bile Mayo. Henry Reed Selva Mayo. Gilbert Bradford. Sunny Jackson Isham Jones Milton Mayo. Willis Starr and Will Mayo. Cmty of Monroe Ark
February 27	24	Mepes Jackson with Henry Goodlet- Pete Jackson. Alexander Jackson Perry McRobinson. and Emelie Robinson col'd Monroe Co Ark
February 29th	25	Jim Cartright with. Tom Cartright- Simon Jackson Dessie cartright and Anthony Hill. Monroe Co Ark
February 29	26	Jno G. Cartright with. Albert Thompson Branch White. Burrell Hoard. Gene Jackson and Henry Williams. Col'd Monroe County Ark
February 29	27	Charles Isemsen. with Jol Jewold col'd Monroe Co Ark
February 29	28	Jim Cartright with Maria Young and Chony Burr col'd Monroe Co Ark

Contracts for 1868

Date of Contract	No of contract	By whom Made
March 13	29	Michael Gallespie with. Cane Kelon Gabriel Weatherspoon and Alvers Mann col'd Prairie Co Ark
March 16	30	G. A McIver with. Dick and Jim Rice. Prairie Co. Ark
March 14	31	Joe Hutches and Jack Robinson with Dan Morgan. Prairie Co Ark.
March 16	32	G. A. McIver with Shumite Sanders Sanny Jane Essex Goslin. Timothy Wilkes Joshua S. Hannah and Frank Weathers. Prairie Co Ark
March 30th	33	Jove Welsh. with George W. Smith col'd Prairie Co Ark
April 8th	34½	Wm R. Hains with. Jno McCoy.
April 18th	34	J. M. Robinson. with William Slater col'd Monroe Co Ark
April 10th	35	J. M. Robinson. with. Jewett Mayo and Thomas Mayon col'd Monroe Co Ark
April 27th	36	Joe Harrold with. Robt Anthony col'd
April 28th	37	Logan H. Roots with. Richard Aiken Alcon Aiken and John Aiken col'd Monroe Co Ark
May 7th	38	W. H. Dunn. with James Smith. Alex Smith. Polly Smith. James Driver and Charley Smith. Monroe Co Ark.

Contracts for 1868

Date of Contract	No of contract	By whom made
May 4th "	39	Jacob Bost - with Andrew Taylor of County of Prairie Ark
May 6th "	40	Pat - H. Rhea - Esqr with Jos Smith of Prairie Co Ark
	41	Certificate of J. M. Carney

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Record of Indentures made in Mo.

No	Names of children	Age	Date	To whom bound
			1867	
1	Enoch Ford	17	Jan, 1st	
2	Sam. "	13	"	
3	Alex "	13	"	Benj F. Ford of
4	Edmund "	11	"	
5	Elisa "	9	"	Prairie Co Stat of
6	Dave "	7	"	Arkansas
7	Edward "	4	"	
1	Parulle Jackson	9	Feb 1st	M. C. Rockell Prairie Co

Office Supt of N. F. & A. for Prairie & Monroe Cos

Names of Bondsmen	Conditions of Indenture & Remarks
J. A. Bulls and L. A. Marden Prairie Co Ark	Said children are to be treated, fed and clothed well, to be taken good care of when sick, to receive three months education in the year or as much at home at the ordinary school, and to receive (women) 50, men 100 dollars, when of age in order, bond of $5,000 To be treated, fed and clothed well to receive three months schooling in the year, and to receive 50 dollars and a good suit of clothes when arriving at the age of Majority (18 years)

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Desoto Bluff, Arkansas,
July 1868 (13)

Respectfully returned to Captain Gallagher,
whose attention is invited to the endorsement
of Colonel Page

W. W. Woodworth
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Desoto Bluff, Arkansas,
July 4th, 1868.

Respectfully returned to Leroy D. Harshaw
who is informed that the within case is
one of "rights of property", and does not
come under the jurisdiction of the Bureau.
It is the duty of any Justice of the peace to
take up the case, before whom complaint is
made, and I expect that they will not
refuse to take cognizance thereof.

W. W. Woodworth
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Desoto Bluff, Arkansas,
July 15th, 1868.—

Respectfully returned to Colonel Leroy Page,
with the information that the discharge
of Stephen A. Douglass has never been
placed on file in this Office.

W. W. Woodworth
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls' Bluff, Arkansas,
May 20th, 1868. –

Respectfully returned to Capt. Brian, Agent at Jacksonport with the following information:

The orders have not been paid – I have been trying to get the money from Mr. Welsh for some time, but so far have failed – I wrote a very imperative note to Mr. Welsh about a week ago on the subject, and hope to obtain at least a part of it at an early date – I have authority from White to collect the money – Mr. Welsh's Plantation is close to this place.

Respy &c.
W. W. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Arkansas.
May 25th, 1868. –

Respectfully returned to A. S. Dyer, Agent B. R. F. & A. L. Little Rock, Arkansas, with the information that the discharge papers of the within named applicant have not yet been received back at this Office.

W. W. McCullough
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Office Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff, Ark.
May 26th, 1868. –

Respectfully returned to the within named applicant, who is informed that his discharge has this day been sent from this Office to A. S. Dyer Esq., Agent of the Bureau at Little Rock.

W. W. McCullough
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Endorsement Book.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff,
Arkansas.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)

Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Orders and Circulars Received, and Accounts Current
Nov. 1865–Oct. 1867

De Valls Bluff -

No. 2.

REPORT

OF

PERSONS AND ARTICLES

EMPLOYED AND HIRED

at De Valls Bluff Ark

During Month of July 1866

By Brevet 1st A. G. Willis

No. 2.

REPORT OF PERSONS AND ARTICLES, *employed and hired at* DeValls Bluff Arkansas *during the month of* July 1866,

By 2d Lieut Hiram F. Willis, Asst. R.F.& A.L.

Running Numbers.	No. of each class.	Names of Persons and Articles.	Designation and Occupation.	Service during the Month. From	To	Days	Rate of hire or Compensation. Dollars.	Cents	Day Mth. or	Date of contract, agreement or entry into service.	By whom owned.	Amount of rent or pay in the month. Dollars	Cents	REMARKS showing by whom the buildings were occupied and how the men were employed during the month. [Transfers and discharges will be noted under this head.]	Time and amount due and remaining unpaid. From	To	Dollars	Cents
				July											July			
1	1	W. S. McCullough	Clerk	4th	31st	28	100	00	Mth	July 4th/66		56	66	Clerk in the office of the Supt. R.F.& A.L.	4th	31st	56	66

AMOUNT OF RENT AND HIRE DURING THE MONTH..... 56 66

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND REMAINING UNPAID..... 56 66

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above is a true copy of all the persons and articles employed and hired by me during the month of July 1866, and that the observations under the head of "Remarks" and the statement of amounts due and remaining unpaid, are correct.

EXAMINED.

....., *Assistant Commissioner.*

(Signed) Hiram F. Willis
2d Lieut 22nd U.S.C.T. & Supt R.F.& A.L.

No. 2.

REPORT

OF

PERSONS AND ARTICLES

EMPLOYED AND HIRED

at De Vols Bluff Ark

During Month of April 1866

By 2d Lt. H. F. Willis

No. 2.

REPORT OF PERSONS AND ARTICLES, *employed and hired at* De Vols Bluff Arkansas *during the month of* August 1866,

By 2d Lieut Hiram E. Willis 3rd U.S. R.F. & A.L.

Running Numbers.	No. of each class.	Names of Persons and Articles.	Designation and Occupation.	Service during the Month. From	To	Days	Rate of hire or Compensation. Dollars.	Cents.	Day Mth. or	Date of contract, agreement or entry into service.	By whom owned.	Amount of rent or pay in the month. Dollars	Cents.	REMARKS showing by whom the buildings were occupied and how the men were employed during the month. [Transfers and discharges will be noted under this head.]	Time and amount due and remaining unpaid. From August 1	To	Dollars	Cents
1	1	W. L. McCullough	Clerk	1	31	31	100	00	Mth	July 14/66		100	00	Clerk in office of the Supt of R.F. & A.L. at De Vols Bluff Ark	1st	31st	100	00

AMOUNT OF RENT AND HIRE DURING THE MONTH..... 100 00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND REMAINING UNPAID..... 100 00

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above is a true copy of all the persons and articles employed and hired by me during the month of August 1866, and that the observations under the head of "Remarks" and the statement of amounts due and remaining unpaid, are correct.

EXAMINED.

....., *Assistant Commissioner.*

(Signed) Hiram E. Willis
2d Lt 22nd U.S.C.T. & Supt R.F. & A.L.

No. 2.

REPORT

OF

PERSONS AND ARTICLES

EMPLOYED AND HIRED

at De Bolts Bluff Ark

During Month of Feb 1866

By Miriam F. Willis

No. 2.

REPORT OF PERSONS AND ARTICLES, *employed and hired at* De Vals Bluff & Kansas *during the month of* September 1866,

By 2d Lieut Hiram E Willis, Supt R.F.& A.L.

Running Numbers.	No. of each class.	Names of Persons and Articles.	Designation and Occupation.	Service during the Month. From	To	Days	Rate of hire or Compensation. Dollars.	Cents.	Day Mth. or	Date of contract, agreement or entry into service.	By whom owned.	Amount of rent or pay in the month. Dollars	Cents.	REMARKS showing by whom the buildings were occupied and how the men were employed during the month. [Transfers and discharges will be noted under this head.]	Time and amount due and remaining unpaid. From September	To	Dollars	Cents
1	1	W. S. McCullough	Clerk	1st	30th	30	100	00	Mth	July 14th 66		100	00	Clerk in the office of the Supt R.F.& A.L.	1st	30th	100	00
2	1	House 2 Rooms	Office	1st	30th	30	10	00	"	Sept 1st 66		10	00	Office of Supt R.F.& A.L.	"	"	10	00

No. 2.

REPORT

OF

PERSONS AND ARTICLES

EMPLOYED AND HIRED

at Dr Vals Bluff Ark

During Month of October 1866

By 2d Lt Hiram F. Willis

No. 2.

REPORT OF PERSONS AND ARTICLES, *employed and hired at* DeVall's Bluff Arkansas *during the month of* October 1866,

By 2d Lieut Hiram F. Willis Inft. R.C.G. & A.A.

Running Numbers.	No. of each class.	Names of Persons and Articles.	Designation and Occupation.	Service during the Month. From	To	Days	Rate of hire or Compensation. Dollars.	Cents.	Day Mth. or	Date of contract, agreement or entry into service.	By whom owned.	Amount of rent or pay in the month. Dollars	Cents.	REMARKS showing by whom the buildings were occupied and how the men were employed during the month. Transfers and discharges will be noted under this head.]	Time and amount due and remaining unpaid. From October	To	Dollars	Cents
1	1	W. S. McCullough	Clerk	1st	31st	31	100	00	Mth	July 4th 1866		100	00	Clerk in the office of the Inft R.C.G. & A.A.	1st	31st	100	00
2	1	House 2 Rooms	Office	1st	31st	31st	100	00	"	Sept 1st 1864	B. D. Williams	10	00	Occupied by Lt H.F. Willis Inft R.C.G. & A.A. as office	1st	31st	10	00

AMOUNT OF RENT AND HIRE DURING THE MONTH..... 110 00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AND REMAINING UNPAID..... 100 00

I CERTIFY, on honor, that the above is a true copy of all the persons and articles employed and hired by me during the month of October 1866, and that the observations under the head of "Remarks" and the statement of amounts due and remaining unpaid, are correct.

EXAMINED.

....., *Assistant Commissioner.*

Hiram F. Willis, 2d Lieut
22d R.C.G. & Inft R.C.G. & A.A. Gen
W. S. McCullough Clerk

Little Rock Arx. [illegible]

S.O. 40.

Major W. G. Sargent. 6th U.S.C.T.
..relieved from duty as Chief Surgeon of
Arx.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark
~~St. Louis, Mo.~~ Nov 1st 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS, } (Extract.)

No. 40.

II. Maj. W. G. Sargent 63rd U S C Infty is hereby relieved from duty as Sen'l Superintendent of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for the State of Arkansas. After making up and forwarding all Returns and Reports now due, he will close his office first turning over to the Asst Commissioner all books, papers & records pertaining thereto.

By order of BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE, Assistant Commissioner:

D. H. Williams

~~Acting~~ Asst. Adj't Gen.

To Lt Mc Cullough
Supt Sec DeValls Bluff Ark.

Little Rock Ark. Novbr 4. 1865.

S.O. 41.

Capt. Dennis N. Williams assigned
Asst Adjt General and Inspector Gen.
for the States Missouri & Arkansas.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark Nov 4th 1865.
~~St Louis Mo.~~

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 41

(Extract.)

II. The following paragraph omitted in Special Orders of Oct 16th is promulgated.

Capt Dennis H Williams A.A.G. U.S. Vols having in compliance with S.O. No 384 Par 22 reported in person to the Asst Comr for assignment to duty is hereby assigned to duty as Asst Adjt Genl and Inspector Genl for the States of Missouri and Arkansas with office at Little Rock Ark said assignment to date from Oct 31st 1865.

BY ORDER OF BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER:

D. H. Williams.

Acting Asst. Adj't Gen.

To Lt D. H. McCullough
Dispatch Bearer Asst
Dubuque Supt

Little Rock Ark. Sept 11. 1865.

S.O. 50

Eldridge G. Atkins paroled.....

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark
~~St. Louis, Mo.~~ Dec 11th 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 50.

(Extract.) VIII. Eldridge G. Atkins of Shelby Co Tenn. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of all that tract of land in Monroe Co Ark, on "Lower Surrounded Hill" known as the Atkins Place containing 400 acres more or less, now in the possession of this Bureau, is relinquished to the said Eldridge G. Atkins, when the rent due the Govt shall be paid subject to the leases of the present lessees; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim upon this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued or may accrue prior to the date of restoration.

By order of ~~BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE,~~ Assistant Commissioner:

J. W. Sprague

~~Acting Asst. Adjt. Gen.~~
Brig Genl & Asst Com'y

To Lt W. S. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. L.
Devalls Bluff Ark

Little Rock Dec 11th 1865.

S. O. 50-2.

Mrs Evelina O. Harris pardoned ....

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark
St Louis Mo Dec 11th 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 50.

(Extract.) III. Mrs. Evelina O Harris of Shelby Co Tenn. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of all that tract of land in Monroe Co Ark, on "Lower Surrounded Hill", known as the Judge Harris Farm, containing 500 acres more or less, now in the possession of this Bureau, is relinquished to the said Evelina O Harris, when the rent due the Govt shall be paid, subject to the leases of the present lessees; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued or may accrue prior to the date of such restoration.

By order of BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE, Assistant Commissioner:

J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl & Asst Com'r

To Lt W. S. McCullough
Sub Dt R. F. & A. L.
Duvals Bluff Ark

Little Rock Sept 11. 1865.

S.O. 50. 4.

Chas G. Harris pardoned ....

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark
~~St. Louis, Mo~~ Dec 11 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS,
No. 50

(Extract.) III. - Charles J. Harris of Monroe Co Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of all that tract of land on Monroe Co Ark known as the "James E Harris Place" containing 600 acres, now in the possession of this Bureau, is relinquished to the said Charles J. Harris as guardian of Sallie E & Isaac B. Harris, when the rent due the Govt shall be paid, subject to the leases of the present lessees; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim upon this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued or may accrue prior to the date of restoration _____

BY ORDER OF ~~BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.~~

D. W. Sprague
Brig Genl Asst Com

To Lt. W. S. McCullough
Supdt R & F
Duvals Bluff Ark

Reprimand of Lieut.
A. C. Beman 11th U.S.
C. Infantry.

G. O.
11

De Valls Bluff Ark
Dcbr 12. '65

Head Quarters White River District.
De Valls Bluff Ark. Dec. 12th 1865

General Orders
No. 11 —

The Brigadier General Commanding has learned that while Lieut. C. A. Beman 11th U.S. Colored Infantry was stationed at Clarendon Ark. Charged with investigating and settling certain reported differences between Freedmen and their employers. He caused a Colored man to be tied with a rope around his neck and his hands tied behind him from Clarendon to a Plantation several miles distant and threatened to shoot him.

While recognizing Lieut Beman's right to punish the negro for conduct tending to increase the disorder among the Colored population and his duty to insist upon the manfulfilling his contract with his employer approved by proper authority. The Brigadier General Commanding is surprised that Lieutenant Beman should so far have forgotten his position as to inflict such an

unusual and degrading punishment - thus lessening his influence and example in favor of the policy of treating this class of people with as severity not extended to the white population.

The excellent character given Lieut Beman by his superior officers, and believing that his action was the result of a hasty impulse since regretted by him, induces the Commanding General to pass over his case with this public reprimand.

By Command of

Brig. Genl C. B. Morgan

Stephen Moyles

Capt. Actg Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Lieut.

Jas. McCullough

2d Lt. 2nd Inf'd

Little Rock Sept 21. 1865.

S.O. 65. 2.

George Washington pardoned.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock Ark
~~St Louis, Mo.~~ Dec 21st 1865.

SPECIAL ORDERS,

No. 55.

(Extract.) III. George Washington of Monroe Co Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of all that tract of land known as the Washington Place on "Lower Surrounded Hill" contain about 360 acres, in Monroe Co Ark. now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the said George Washington when the rent due the Govt shall be paid, subject to the leases of the present lessees; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued or may accrue prior to the date of restoration.

By order of ~~BRIG. GEN. JNO. W. SPRAGUE, Assistant Commissioner:~~

O. H. Sprague
~~Acting Asst. Adj't Gen.~~
Brig Genl
Apr Com

To Lt W.S. McCullough
Supdt R. F & A L
Duvalls Bluff Ark

Bur R. F & A. C.
Mo. & Ark.
Little Rock Ark March 6. 1866.

S. O.
25.

1. Chs F. Fierrenteine restored in the possession of "Payne Farm" etc

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,

Little Rock, Ark., March 6th 1866

Special Orders
No. 25.

Lt Charles A Surrentine of Monroe Co. Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of that tract registered as the "Payne Farm" in Sec 23 T. 3. N. R. 4. W. in Monroe Co. containing 66 acres now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the said Charles A Surrentine nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date

By Lt W.S. McCullough
Supt &c DeValls Bluff
Arkansas

J. W. Sprague
Brig Genl
Asst Comr

Rec'd April 12th

Bur. R. F. & A. L.
Claim Div.
Mo. & Ark.
Little Rock Ark. April 11. 66

Circular Letter

Blanks forms for making out claims
of colored soldiers

Bureau R F and A Lands
Claim Division
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock Ark 11 April 1866

Circular Letter:

Sir.

Having been assigned to duty by Par 2 of Special Orders No 53 dulia Bureau R.F. & A Lands Little Rock 31st march ultimo. in charge of the Claim Division of said Bureau I have the honor to transmit herewith a part of the blank forms for claims of colored soldiers, sailors and their representatives against the United States with printed instructions for preparing the same, and to inform you that the remaining forms will be furnished as soon as they are received. Any information beyond what is contained in the enclosed, will be furnished if desired.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servant

John Tyler
Capt 2d U.S.C.
In Charge of Office

St Wm S McCullough
Supt &c
Desalle ~~Point~~ Bluff
Ark.

Bur. R. F & A. E.

Mo. & Ark.

Little Rock Ark April 20. 1866.

S. O. }
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1. Capt. Henry Sweeney 60th U.S.C.T.
assigned Genl. Supt of Pro. Mch. H Qrs
at Helena Ark × ×

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark. April 20th 1866.

Special Orders
No 39.

1.- Capt Henry Sweeny 60 U.S.C. Infty is hereby assigned to duty as General Superintendent & Provost Marshal Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for the Counties of Mississippi, Crittenden, Cross, St Francis, Phillips, east part of Monroe, & that portion of Desha most accessible from the Mississippi River, with Head Quarters at Helena Arkansas.

Superintendents on duty in these Counties will forward all communications and reports through Capt Sweeny

By Steele
Brig Gen asst Comm

Lt W.S. McCullough
Supt &c
Devalls Bluff Ark

Dur. R. F & A. L.
Mo. Arx. & Ind. Territory
A. C. Office
Little Rock Arx May 1. 1866.

S.O.
43.

1. Capt. Jno Tyler. appointed A. A.
A. M. in the Bureau.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 1st 1866.

Special Orders
No. 43.

1. - Capt. Jno Pyles, 2nd U. S. C.
in addition to his other duties is hereby assigned to duty as Actg Asst Quartermaster in this Bureau, and will report to Capt. H. Skinner, Chief Quartermaster, for orders.

By order of
Brig. Gen'l J. W. Sprague, Asst Comr.
O. J. C. Williams,
Asst Adj't Gen'l.

To
Lt Wm R. McCaskey
Supt Mus Boo Mar. R + F.
Dullalls Bluff. Ark.

Dep. R. F & A. L.

Ark & Ind. Territory

Little Rock Ark Febr. 8. 1867.

S. O.
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2. Transportation for a col. woman.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 8th 1867.

SPECIAL ORDERS
No. 14.

[EXTRACT.]

2nd The Chief Quartermasters of this Bureau will furnish transportation for an indigent colored woman from Dº Valls Bluff to Little Rock, Arkansas for admission into the Refugee and Freedman Hospital.

By command of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL E. O. C. ORD, Ass't. Com'r.

Wm S McCullough
Superintendent
Dº Valls Bluff
Arkansas

Henry Page
Bt Lt Col & A A G M
ACT'G ASS'T ADJ'T GEN'L.

Bur. R. F & A. L.

Arx.

Little Rock Arx Octbr 3. 1867

S.O.
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1. Cl of Woodruff added to the Dist in charge of Asst Mr Cullough.

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Devalls Bluff

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 3rd, 1867.

Special Orders.
No. 48.

Extract

1.— The County of Woodruff is hereby added to the districts under the supervision of Wm S. McMullough, Agent at Devalls Bluff. My McMullough's district will therefore consist of the Counties of Prairie and Woodruff and that portions of Monroe County west of White River.

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By command of

Bt Brigadier General Wm. H. Smith. U.S. A.

Asst Commissioner.

Wm S. McMullough,
Agent
Devalls Bluff
Ark.

Wm H Smith
1st Lieut. 28th U.S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

Hd Qrs 4th Mil Dist
Miss & Arx
Vicksburg Miss. Octbr 9. 1867.

S. O.
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7. Appointment of Judges of the Peace.

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SPECIAL ORDERS } HEADQUARTERS 4TH MILITARY DISTRICT,
No. 152. (MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS.)
Vicksburg, Miss., October 9th, 1867.

[EXTRACT.]

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VII. SAMUEL J. PEOPLES is hereby removed from office as Justice of the Peace of Watensass township, Prairie county, State of Arkansas, and H. D. HALSEY is hereby appointed Justice of the Peace of Wattensass township, Prairie county, State of Arkansas.

Mr. HALSEY will, prior to entering upon the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, be required to take, subscribe and forward to the Assistant Adjutant General at these Headquarters, the oath prescribed by the Act of Congress, of July 2d, 1862. Mr. PEOPLES will exercise all the functions pertaining to his office, and will be held strictly responsible for the correct and faithful discharge of the duties thereof, until his herein appointed successor presents himself with official authority from these Headquarters, to relieve him, when he will be required to turn over to the said successor all books, papers, records, monies, and property of whatever sort, properly belonging to his position.

In addition to the prescribed oath of office, Mr. HALSEY is required to at once file in the office of the proper civil officer, such bonds or other recognizances, as may be required by the existing laws of the State of Arkansas, for the faithful discharge of all duties pertaining to his office.

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By command of BREVET MAJOR GENERAL ORD:

O. D. GREENE,
Assistant Adjutant General.

OFFICIAL:

1st Lieutenant 43d U. S. Infantry,
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

Agent Bureau of Refugees, F. & A. L.,
Duvalls Bluff,
Arkansas.

Through Headquarters, Sub-Dist. of Ark.
Little Rock, Ark.

Bur R. F & A. L.
for Ark.
Little Rock Ark. Octbr 16. 1867.

S. O.
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Agent Mc Cullough ordered to make
an Inspection at the within named
places. — & &

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., October 16th, 1867.

Special Orders
No. 52

(Extract.)

1st Mr. William S. McCullough, Agent at Devalls Bluff, Arkansas, is hereby directed to visit Augusta, Woodruff County, Des Arc, Prairie County, Clarendon and Indian Bay, Monroe County, and Brownsville, Prairie County, on business connected with his office. On the completion of this duty he will return to Devalls Bluff.

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By command of
Brevet Brigadier General S. A. Smith, U. S. A.
Assistant Commissioner.

Wm S. McCullough,
Agent,
Devalls Bluff,
Arkansas.

Jno E Bloud
1st Lieut 29th U.S. Infantry.
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Gen'l

Form 7.

Voucher No ../.. Abstract C.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Willis Davis 1st Lt 6th U.S.C.T. and Supt Freedmen

June '65

FORM 3.

The Freedmen Department:

To Archy Pitmarn Dr.

DATE.	For	Dollars.	Cents.
June 13th 1865	200 feet Lumber @ $3.50	7	00

I Certify on honor, That the above account is correct and just, and that I have expended the articles so purchased in the erection of quarters for teachers at the Post of De Vall's Bluff

Willis Davis 1st Lt 63d U.S.C.T.
and Supt Freedmen

APPROVED AND PAYMENT ORDERED:

Col. and Genl. Supt. of Freedmen.

Received, at De Valls Bluff Ark the 15th day of June 1865.
of Willis Davis 1st Lt 63d U.S. Col'd Inft. Supt. Freedmen
Seven Dollars and No Cents, *in full of the above account.*

his
Archy X Pitmarn
mark

Form 7.

Abstract C.

Contingent Expenses---Freedmen Department.

Miller's Davis 1st Lt 6th U.S.C.A.

and Supt Freedmen

June '65

FORM 7.

Abstract of CONTINGENT EXPENSES *on account of* **Freedmen Department,**

at De Vall's Bluff Arkansas *in the month ending* June 30th, 1865.

DATE—1865.	No. VOUCHER.	TO WHOM PAID.	AMOUNT. DOLLARS.	AMOUNT. CENTS.	REMARKS.
June	15th 1	Archy Pittman	7	00	Lumber
"	18th 2	Henry Moseby	6	00	Doors
"	22nd 3	T. P. Hatch & Co	1	00	Nails
"	20th 4	Circuit Washington	6	00	Sash & Glass
		TOTAL:	20	00	

I Certify that the above abstract is correct.

Willis Davis 1st Lt 69th U.S.C.I
Asst Supt Freedmen

[DUPLICATES.]

Form 3.

Voucher No .2. Abstract C.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Willis Davis 1st Lieut 69th

U.S. Col'd Inft 2nd Supt Freedmen

June '65

FORM 3.

The Freedmen Department:

To Henry Moseby Dr.

DATE.	For	Dollars.	Cents.
June 18th 1865	2 (two) panel Doors @ $3.00	6	00

I Certify on honor, *That the above account is correct and just, and that I have expended the articles so purchased in the erection of quarters for teachers at the Post of De Valls Bluff*

Willis Davis 1st Lt. 63d U.S.C.T.
Asst Supt Freedmen

APPROVED AND PAYMENT ORDERED:

Col. and Genl. Supt. of Freedmen.

Received, at De Valls Bluff Ark the 18th day of June 1865.

of Willis Davis 1st Lt. 63d U.S.C.T. Supt Freedmen

Six Dollars and No Cents, *in full of the above account.*

his
Henry X Moseby
mark

FORM 2.

Voucher No ..4. Abstract C.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Willis Davis 1st Lt 69th U.S.C.I.

and Supt Freedmen

June '65

FORM 3.

The Freedmen Department:

To Circuit Washington Dr.

DATE.	For	Dollars.	Cents.
June 20th 1863	Two window Sash and glass	6	00

I Certify on honor, *That the above account is correct and just, and that I have*

expended the articles so purchased in the erection of quarters for teachers at this Post.

Willis Davis 1st Lt. 69th U.S.C.T.
and Supt Freedmen

Approved and Payment Ordered:

Col. and Genl. Supt. of Freedmen.

Received, at De Vall's Bluff Ark the 20th day of June 1865.

of Willis Davis 1st Lieut 69th U.S.C.T. Supt Freedmen

Six Dollars and No Cents, *in full of the above account.*

his
Circuit X Washington
mark

FORM 3.

Voucher No ..3.. Abstract C.

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Willis Davis 1st Lt. 6 9th U.S.

Col'd Sup't. 2nd Supt. Freedmen

June '65

FORM 3.

The Freedmen Depa tment:

To J. P. Hatch & Co Dr.

DATE.	For	Dollars.	Cents.
June 22nd/865	5 lbs Cut Nails	1	00

I Certify on honor, That the above account is correct and just, and that I have expended the articles so purchased in the erection of quarters for teachers at the Post of De Vall's Bluff

Willis Davis 1st Lt 63d U.S.C.T.
and Supt Freedmen

APPROVED AND PAYMENT ORDERED:

Col. and Genl. Supt. of Freedmen.

Received, at De Vall's Bluff Ark the 22nd day of June 1865.
of Willis Davis 1st Lt. 63d U.S.C.T. and Supt Freedmen
One Dollars and No Cents, in full of the above account.

J. P. Hatch for Brs Stevens agt

Account Current

June – 1865

Wm. Davis 1st Lt 69th U.S.C.T.

&c. Sup't. Freedmen

June '65

The United States in account current with Willis Davis 1st Lieut: 69th U.S. Cols Supt and Supt Freedmens, on account of the Freedmens Department at De Valls Bluff Arkansas in the month ending on the 30th day of June 1865-

Dr

1865		$	cts	1865		$	cts
June 30th	To Contingent expenses			June 30th	By Cash received from		
	Per Abstract 6	20	00		the sale of Garden Seeds	20	00
		$20	00			$20	00

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I certify that the above is a true account of all monies that have come into my hands, on account of the Freedmens Department in the months ending June 30th 1865 and that the Disbursements have been faithfully made

Willis Davis 1st Lieut 69th U S C Supt
and Supt Freedmen

No. 22.

No. 1 Abstract B June 1866

Samuel Ransom

Le Valls Bluff ark

Dollars Ten 111/100

Paid 30 of June 1866

No. 22.

The United States,

1866

To Samuel Ransom Dr.

		DOLLARS.	CENTS.
June 30	For taking care of and supporting a destitute Refugee while sick for four weeks at (2) Two Dollars and 50/00 per week	10	00
	approved W. S. Shapin Brt Maj Genl & asst Com'y		
	Ten " " Dollars	$ 10	00

I CERTIFY, that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated, and that they were necessary for the Public Service, ~~as per my Report of Persons and Articles for~~ 186 .

W. S. McCullough
1 Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L.
~~Capt. & A. Q. M.~~

Received at Camp Bluff Station the 30 of June 186 6, of Lt W. S. McCullough Supt R. F. & A. L. ~~Quartermaster United States Army,~~ the sum of Ten Dollars and ____ Cents, in full of the above account.

[DUPLICATES.]

Witnessed
Albert Singleton

his
Samuel + Ransom
mark

No. 13.

Abstract B. June

EXPENDITURES.

By L. H. S. McCullough

Capt. Q. M. U. S. A. ~~Quartermaster U. S. A.~~,

at Memphis Bluff Lake

FOR THE

Month ending June 30 1866

[No. 13.—Abstract B.]

Abstract of Expenditures on account of the ~~Quartermaster's Department~~ Bureau R. F. & A. Lands, by Lieut

U. S. McCullough Supt. at Old Wells Bluff Parks in the month ending on the

30th of June 1866

DATE OF PAYMENT.	No. OF VOUCHER.	TO WHOM PAID.	ON WHAT ACCOUNT.	AMOUNT. DOLLS.	CTS.
June 30 1866	1	Samuel Parsons	Taking care of sick Refugee	10	00
" "	2	Lt. U. S. McCullough Supt R. F. & A. L.	Light for Office	3	00
			Total — $	13	00

I certify that the above Abstract is correct.

U. S. McCullough
~~Quartermaster~~
1st Lt & Supt R. F. & A. Lands

No. 22.

No. 2 ABSTRACT B.

Great Falls Bluffs June 1866

Lt W. S. McCulloch A.A.A.G.
R. F. & A. Lands.

Dollars 3 ~ 00/100

Paid 30 of June 1866

No. 22.

The United States,

To W. S. McCullough Dr.

186		DOLLARS	CTS.
June 30	For Two Gallons coal oil for Office	3	00
	Approved J. W. Sprague Bvt Maj Genl asst. Comy.		
		$ 3	00

I certify, that the above account is correct and just; that the services were rendered as stated; and that they were necessary for the public service.

W. S. McCullough
Lt & Supt R. F. & A. L. ~~Quartermaster~~

Received at Ne Falls Bluff Ks the 30 day of June 186 6
of W. S. McCullough Supt R F & A Lands ~~Quartermaster U. S. Army~~,
the sum of Three Dollars
and ~~cents~~, in full of the above account.

[SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.]

W. S. McCullough
Supt R. F. & A. Lands

NOTE.—All accounts of expenditures shall set out a sufficient explanation of the object, necessity, and propriety of the expenditure. The dates, rates, and place at which services were rendered, must be stated.

No. 10.

Lt. A. M. Gallagher

Capt. W. A. Lauds
~~Quartermaster U. S. Army.~~

At Wells Bluff Ark

ACCOUNT CURRENT,

For June 1866

No. 10.

THE UNITED STATES, *in account current with* ~~Lt. W. S. McCullough, Asst. Q. M.~~ ~~Quartermaster United States Army,~~ *on account of the* ~~Quartermaster's Department,~~ Bureau R. F. & A. Lands

at Ft. Pike Bluff Ark. *in the Month ending on the* 30 *day of* June 1866

Dr. Cr.

1866		Dollars.	Cents.	186		Dollars.	Cents.
	To amount of purchase per Abstract A,				By balance on hand per last Account,	22	40
	To amount of expenditures per Abstract B,	13	00		By cash received from		
	To amount of transfers to officers per Abstract B b,						
	To balance due the United States carried to new Account,	9	40				
		$ 22	40			$ 22	40

I certify, that the above is a true account of all moneys which have come into my hands, on account of the ~~Quartermaster's Department~~, during the month of June 1866, and that the disbursements have been faithfully made. The balance due the United States is in My Hands ~~and is deposited in~~

Bureau R. F. & A. Lands

W. S. McCullough

1st Lt & Asst R. F. & A. L. ~~Quartermaster.~~

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Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

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Office Supt. Ref. F. D. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 1st 166

Sir,

I have the honor to request the services of a Carpenter for a few days. With your approval Louis Eldridge B. 2d M. 57th R. I. Cav. will permit an Enlisted man in his employ to render the services required, during regular detail

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Servt
(signed) Wm A. Neal
Capt & Supt R. F. D.

To
Col Howard
Comd'g Post.

Office Supt. R. F. D. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark
March 1st 166

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Sir,

I have the honor to request, that, any person presenting the Ticket of "Mary Oliver" be sent back to this Office

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Servt
(signed) Wm A. Neal
Capt & Supt R. F. D.

Capt Caswell
C. S.

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Office Supt R. F. & A. Lo.
Fort Smith Ark
March 2nd /66

Sir,

I have relieved the Guard for today, Will be obliged for the use of a Guard each day untill I get over the rush of the issue

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt F. R. & A. L.

Lieut Pollock
Pro Marshall

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Office Supt R. F. & A. Lo,
Fort Smith Ark
March 5th 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to request a detail of One Non Com Officer and eight Privates to report at this Office at One Oclock P. M. this day to handle some boxes discharged from the Pilgrim

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A. Lo,

Col. P. Harwood
Asst Q. Mr

B.

Office Supt. R. F. & A. Co.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 5th 1866

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Mr. A. B. Jay,

Sir,

I am informed that you dealt unfairly with the Freedmen employed by you previous to Jan 1st 1866. If you and the parties Connected settle the matter satisfactory to all I shall require you to report in person to this Office. The parties interested are Fletcher Coats James Turner Ben Garner & Rose Garner Please write me what action is taken in this case

(Signed) Thos D Isbell.
Capt & Supt R. F. & A Co.

Office Supt R. F. & A Co.,
Fort Smith Ark
March 6th 1866

Sir.

I respectfully request an order for two teams 6 hand Some Boxes from the Landing

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sgt Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A Co.

Office Supt R. F. & A. Co.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 6th 1866

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Sir.

I respectfully request an order for two teams 6 hand Some Boxes from the Landing

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sgt Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A Co.

Capt Churchill
A & Mi

Office Supt. R. F. & A. Lo.
Ft. Smith Ark.
March 6 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to request an order for a Coffin for deceased Freedman

Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Thos J. Abel
Capt. & Supt R. F. & A Lo.

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Office Supt. R. F. &c
Fort Smith Ark.
March 9th 1866

John Henson,

Sir,

You will report at this Office at 2" P. M. this day to answer to charge of attempting to wrong Thos Christian (Colored) by refusing, to pay him for two months labor faithfully performed.

Bring any witness you may desire to appear in your behalf

(Signed) Thos J. Abel
Capt. & Supt R. F. & A. Lo.

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Office Supt- R. F. & A. Ly.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 21 1866

Brig. Genl. J. B. Sprague
Supt- Comm. Emigration
R. F. & A.

Sir,

I have the honor to submit herewith estimate of Funds required to defray expenses for the month of Feby. & March 1866. Your order No 21 required me to stop at Clarksville on my way up here & await Gov. Berry at Ozark to take charge of the Goods there until I could go up. which he did.

I employed a Clerk four days at one dollar per day, for which I paid out of my own funds. Any estimate for March includes the expenses of repairing & cleaning Office, hanging doors, Office Contingencies &c. &c. and is much larger than will be required in future months.

Very Respectfully
(sgd) Thos. H. Neil
Capt. & Supt- R. F. & A.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 12th 1866

Hon. Jas. Berry.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully ask that the clothing left in your care be shipped on the first steamboat for this point. I will settle Freight Bill on delivery of same at the Levee

Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Thos. D. Reed
Capt & Supt R. F. & A. Ls.

Office Supt R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 8th 1866

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Brig Genl J. W. Sprague
Asst Comm.
Sir,

I received your Communication of the 28th Ult. Yesterday and am gratified to know that I have adopted a system as regards the Direction of Loyalty and disloyalty sustained by your views.
As far as practicable I depend on the Judges and other Officers Surrounding Counties for Information relative to the wants and destitution of the people, but they become full far short of discriminating in all Cases. The applicants are so numerous that they become Careless and but few fail to get recommendations thus in some Cases those who are sensitive and working more for popularity than for their country takes offence. On the whole it is a hard problem to solve. Fees are doubtless imposed upon sometimes but the real demands are Enormous, the number of issues can be reduced but little without causing great suffering.

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I relieved the Chaplain on rect. of telegram to the effect that you had issued the order assigning me to duty.

Thus far the duties have been very arduous. I have commenced on the 28th Ult. without Office. Clerk. Desk. Stove or even a chair to sit on. but I have drawn such articles as I most needed from Capt Churchill A. Q. M. and am getting somewhat regulated.

The issuing of rations and clothing as yet occupies most of the time. I employed a good Clerk at $40. per month. Will be compelled to employ additional help at the beginning and end of each month.

The contracts entered into between Whites & Freedmen are for six months and where no contracts exists the Freedmen get little or nothing for their services, unless the System is changed in this locality. I fear we will have more indigent Freedmen next year than we now have. I would respectfully recommend that an Officer be detached from the 57th U. S. C. I. subject to instructions from this office to visit the important points in this district and ratify Contracts.

Genl Hunt has assured me that he will sustain me in all that is right and just. he has been very kind to me thought in principle he is very Conservative.

I desire to establish Colored Schools in Ft Smith as soon as possible. if it meets your approbation I hope you will send me two Teachers. There are many small boys and girls in this place that should be in the school room instead of playing upon the Streets. I forward this day Estimate of Funds for Feb & March

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Thos O Neill
Capt & Asst R. F. & A. L.

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Bureau R. F. & A. Ls,
Little Rock. Arkansas
Feb 28th 1866

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Captain,

Col Samuel F Cooper. U. S. Commissioner at Van Buren Ark. Can probably give you reliable information as to the proper persons in Crawford Co. who should receive Special aid from Government undoubtedly great numbers are imposing upon the Government and receiving aid who are not entitled to it. I would not undertake to discriminate between those who had been loyal and those who had been disloyal but all who are destitute and in a starving Condition and are unable to work are proper Subjects of charity — I would Suggest that you get the Judges and other proper Authorities to provide you with lists Officially Certified as your guide in issuing rations

The number of rations issued in your District are frightfully large and Should receive your Careful Scrutiny — When Spring opens and time is given for raising anything for Subsistence the issuing will at once entirely Cease — this should be kept before the people —

I trust you will have the confidence of Maj Genl Hunt and that he will aid you in his Advice in the discharge of your duties

Yours Respectfully
J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl. Asst Comm

Signed

Capt. T. J. Abel
Supt R. &c
Fort Smith Ark.

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Office Supt R.F. & L. A. Co.
Fort Smith Ark
March 11 " 1866

Brig. Genl. J. W. Sprague
Asst Comm.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith Monthly Returns of Clothing for which I am responsible with Complete Set of Vouchers "for month of Feb 1866

My returns for Jany were forwarded direct to the Quartermaster Genl at Washington I now understand that they should have passed through your Office but as it involves no transaction except the transfer from Capt Skinner to me I hope it will not be necessary to make it out anew—

I am responsible for no other property or business transactions during the above mentioned months

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R.F & A Co.

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Office Supt R.F & L
Fort Smith March 12 1866

Sir

I have the honor to request an order for transportation "Steamer Pilgrim" from Ft Smith Ark to Ozark Ark for Mess Schrie Bar - Refugee - who is sick at this Post—

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt R.F & L Co

Signed
Col C. Hammond
Comdg Post

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Office Supt R F &c
March 12 – 1866

Col S. F. Cooper
A A Comm.

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Dear Sir,

I received the kind message Contained in your Note to Dr. Denny; and be assured anything you may do to aid us in discriminating among the many applicants will be appreciated. The request relative to sending you a List of Names will be Complied with at our Earliest Convenience & should be favored to receive a visit from you

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt R F & A Lo

Received

Office Supt R F & A Lo.
Fort Smith Ark
March 20 1866

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Sir

I have the honor to request that Mrs. Agnes Robinson be Confined in Post Guard House For Forty Eight hours — Charge Defrauding Govt —

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A

Col Thornwood
Comdg Post

Office Supt R. F. & A.
Fort Smith Ark
March 20 1866

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Sir

I have the honor to request an order for transportation for Isaac C Gibson Supt. "Freedmens Schools" in Ter. of Arkansas for "Seven Friends" to visit Ft Gibson and other Points in the Indian Nation on business pertaining to this Office — As per Genl Howards Circular No "7" War Dept. Washington June 12" 1865 —

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos. J. Isbel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A. Ls

Lieut
Carl Harwood
Comdg Post

Office Supt. R. F. & A. Ls,
Fort Smith Ark
March 21 1866

Sir. 17

In my letter accompanying Returns for Clothing Issued in Feby. — I Certified that I was not responsible for any other business transaction during that Month. I respectfully ask to Correct said letter so far as this Report contradicts it —

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
" Thos. J. Isbel
Capt & Supt. R. F. & A. Ls

Bvt Genl Thomas
Asst Comm.

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Endorsement

Little Rock Arkansas
March 10th 1866

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Office Pro. Marshall R.F.&A.L.,
Little Rock Ark.
Mar 12" 1866

Respectfully referred to Capt. Thos J. Abel Superintendent R.F.&A.L., at Ft Smith Ark

Evidence of the good moral character of the petitioner and of his ability to provide for and Educate his Child has been furnished this Office. Wallace is in good Circumstances and desirous of sending his boy to School and unless an investigation shall show that he is being well cared for, kindly treated and properly Educated where he now is. You will forward him to this place per "Steamer Pilgrim" an arrangement having been made with Capt Chapman for his passage

By Order of Brig Gen'l Sprague
W. H. H. Wakefield Lieut &
Pro. Mar. R.F.&A.L.
Dept of Ark.

Signed

Endorsement

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 30th/66

Respectfully Referred to Capt Howland Comdg Det. 3d U. S. Cav.

The (Colrd) Woman Susan Sparks has a title to the property herein mentioned and furnishes reliable proof as to the good order maintained in her house

Thos. O'Brien Lieut.
Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A. Ls.

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Endorsement
Hdqrs. Det. U. S. 3d Cav.
Fort Smith March 30th 1866

Respectfully returned

The (Colrd) Woman Louisa Sparks has no right or title. The house was built by Soldiers of 3d Iowa Cavalry and whosoever held it had no right to do so. This woman must move out as I want the rooms for Quarters of Capt Cains Company

Geo W. Howland
Capt Comdg 3d U.S. Cav

(Returned Endorsement)

Office Supt. R. F. & A Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 30/66

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Respectfully Returned

The Act of Congress Approved by the President March 13th 1865 Committed to this "Bureau" the Supervision of all Abandoned Property and the controll of all subjects relative to Freedmen —

If the woman paid for the property "I" do not suspect her in it

Signed Thos. J. Abel
Capt Supt R F & A Ls

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Returned Endorsement

Hd. Qrs. 3d U.S. Cav.
March 31st /66

22 Respectfully Returned

This property is not a bundoned. The House was built by Enlisted Men of 7th Iowa Cavalry. The 3d Cav U.S. relieved the 7th Iowa and are entitled to their quarters and these quarters are under my Charge. and I need them for the use of my Command. If the person purchased them she had no right do do so neither had the man a right to sell them

(signed) Geo W. Howland
Capt Comd'g U.S. 3d Cav

Endorsement

23 (Office Insp. Gen. F.F.K.K.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 27th /66

Respectfully Returned
to Hd. Qrs. Asst Comm.
attention called to the Endorsement of Col. Corpus Asst Comm. I learn from other Sources that the Child is kindly cared for and would respectfully Suggest that no action be taken at this time

Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Insp. F.F.K.

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Office Supt R.F.F.A &c.
Fort Smith Ark
April 4 /66

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S. O. F. Cooper
Col.

Enclosed Please find
list of Citizens of Crawford Co. who have been
drawing rations at this Office

We respectfully
ask that you furnish this Office with a list of
the "Improvers"

Very Respectfully
Thos. J. Abel
Capt. & Supt R.F.F.A &c.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Little Rock Ark
March 21 1866

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Capt T. J. Abel
Supt R.F.&c.
Fort Smith Ark

Capt

In reply to your letter
"Mar 8" in relation to the facts that where no Contracts
are made Freedmen get little or nothing for their
services - and the increase in the number of Freedmen
your attention is called to the last Clause
of Par. 3. Circular 16 which you will please enforce.
You are also informed that both your estimates
are approved

By Order of
Brig Gen J. W. Sprague
(Signed) F. E Dayton
Chief Clerk

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Office Supt R. F. & A. Le.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 1st 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to transmit Monthly Report of business transaction for which I am responsible for for first Quarter ending March 31st 1866 Quarterly Estimate of provisions and Clothing for second Quarter Ending on the 30th day of June 1866 Monthly Estimate of Funds required for April 1866 together with the following Report:

Return &c for the month ending March 31st 1866
Monthly Report of Persons & Articles Employed Hired &c
Monthly Return of Clothing received issued and remaining on
Monthly Abstract of Articles purchased & not paid for
Monthly Account Current
Monthly Report of Refugees & Freedmen
Monthly Report of Sick & Wounded Refugees & Freedmen
Monthly Report of Cases disposed of under Circular 3 Part 1

Finding no Abandoned Lands registered in this Office I am unable to report any.

I beg leave to State that there are no Schools in my District & would respectfully invite your attention to this Subject

My Report for Persons & Articles exhibits a Roster of Officers no changes having occurred during the Month

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt R. F. & A. Le.

Gen O. O. Howard
Comr Bu R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

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Office A. R. F. & A. L.
Office Surg. in Chief
Little Rock Ark.
March 9th 1866

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Sir.

The account of the contract Surgeon must be made out in Triplicate on Form 22. of the 2 Ms Depts and must be certified to by yourself They must then be forwarded to this Office for approval from this Office they will be forwarded to Capt Skinner (A. A. M. & Chief Quartermaster of the Bureau for this District) who will send you the order to make payment if you have sufficient funds & if you have not funds sufficient he will forward the Money himself to the Surgeon

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(sgd) Henry McSeilly Apl. Surg.
& Surg. in Chief

Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 31st 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to submit the following as my Quarterly Report of Business Transactions in Bureau R. F. & A. L. for the first month ending 31st day of March 1866

After completing my tour through this part of the State I arrived at Ft Smith on the 18th ult. On receipt of telegram notifying me of my appointment to duty at this Post I relieved Chaplain Spangler on the 28th ult. accepting him for Books, Funds, Papers &c. Since that time our labors though attended with considerable embarrassment have I hope been a success. The information obtained while inspecting ~~while inspecting~~ in this part of the State has been of vital importance to one in discriminating among

among the many applicants for rations or Clothing during the past Month. The Co-operation of the County Officials referred to in my letter of the 8th inst has not had the desired effect. The number of indigent persons reported by the County Court of Sebastian County is 3000 Franklin Co. 2700 and allowing a much larger proportion for Crawford, Washington, Johnson & Scott Counties there depending on the Court at this Office would number at least 8000. The No. of rations required to supply them for one Month would be 240.000 the Cash value of which is $37.200 to keep nothing of the number of applicants from Counties now remote R from the Indian Territory. I do not wish to reflect however upon those who have so generously labored to assist me on the contrary they have my thanks for the good intentions manifested in their efforts to ascertain the condition of the people. But being unable to supply all I have endeavored to relieve the most destitute families.

The issues of rations & Clothing during the first Quarter for which I am responsible are as follows

No Refugees - Men = 22 = Women = 591 = Children over 14 Years of age = 585 = Children under 14 = Years of age = 1909 =
Total No of Refugees = 3107 = 104 of whom have received Medical Treatment

No Freedmen Men = 8 - Women - 50 = Children over 14 - Years of age = 52 = Children under 14 years of age = 101 =
Total No of Freedmen = 211 = = 19 = of whom have received Medical Treatment

Total No of Refugees & Freedmen = 3318 =

The number of rations issued to	Refugees	65,658
" " " " "	Freedmen	4,516
Total No of rations issued to	Refugees & Freedmen	70,174
Cash value of rations issued to	Refugees	$ 9400.25
" " " " "	Freedmen	676.56
Total " " " "	Refugees & Freedmen	10076.81

The amount of Clothing ipsued has been enormous the cash value of which Cannot be accurately ofteined as much of it Came from the benevolent Societies North with no grade of prices fixed upon it. The Clothing ipsued by me including the lot ipsued at Clarksville and Ozark $18.200 in addition to the above. Seven hundred bushels of Corn have been ipsued which at Current prices amounts to $1400.00 The total cash value of ipsues in this Dept: during the first Quarter for which I am responsible. exclusive of Medical Auspicies is about $24.626 21/100

The principle upon which I reduced the number of ipsues in this month is based upon Circular No 1 from this office a copy of which I forwarded on the 26th ult. The purpose reducing the number to about 40.000 during next month and after May. 1st. I would respectfully recommend that none be allowed apistance in the line of rations or clothing except a few large families that are coming almost daily from Texas Mo. & other States together with a few Orphans & those only untill they Can move the Country or get employment elsewhere.

A large number of families have recently returned from Kansas enroute for their homes in this State I am convinced from close observation that on a general rule ipsuing rations & Clothing has the effect to make both Refugees & Freedmen Reckless and indifferent to finding employment. I am pleased to State that the Freedmen in this vicinity are prosperous There being some Serious Cases of Sick & destitute Freedmen Learning through the Surgeon in Chief that no hospitals could be allowed for Refugees & Freedmen at this post. I induced the Freedmen to organize establish a hospital at their own expence They furnish the necessary rooms & apistance & with what aid I Can render in the line of rations & Clothing their difficulty is properly disposed of In Kentucky

will visit the sick daily & render the necessary medical aid. Great anxiety is being manifested on the part of leading Freedmen of Ft Smith & Vicinity for the establishment of Schools at an early day If suitable teachers could be obtained & have reason to believe that two good Schools could be organized and conducted with success. They would readily contribute as far as their limited means will admit and with a little assistance much good can be done to promote the best interests of our cause. I See no lack of energy among the majority of Freedmen in preparing their lands for Cultivation and though the white Citizens contend that the Freedmen will not work yet almost invariably they employ them in preference to white labor

The few contracts on file in this office indicate an indifference on the part of the people to Comply with requirements set forth in Circular No 16 from your Office There seems to have been little regularity in registering Abandoned Lands in this District and though some lands are reported to me as abandoned I have as yet been unable to procure any list or description of the Same.

The above embraces the most important information relating to the business transacted by me during the first Quarter and the Same is respectfully Submitted

I am General
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(sgd) Thos J. Abel
Capt & Asst A G

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Office Chief Dr Master
Little Rock Ark.
March 30" 1866

Capt Thos J Abel
Supt R. F & A. Ls"
Fort Smith Ark.

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Captain

I have the honor to return herewith your Estimates for Funds for your Signature. Estimate for Funds should be furnished in duplicate.

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(sgd) H Steiner
Capt & A. A. M.

Office Chief Dr Master
Little Rock Ark.
March 31" 1866

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Capt Thos J Abel
Supt R. F & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor enclose herewith Return Vouchers of Jones McBerry and Wm Harris. They should be made in triplicate. & will they when forwarded again to me

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(sgd) H Steiner
Capt & A. A. M.

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Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Little Rock April 5th 1866

Sir.

Enclosed you will find a blank form which the Asst. Comm. recommends that you adopt in allowing the time lost by the Freedmen in your Dist.

By Order of
Bvt. Lieut. J. B. Sprague
Lew. E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

(Signed)

Capt. T. J. Abel
Supt. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith.
Ark.

(Endorsement)

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Quartermasters Office
Little Rock Ark. April 7th "66

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The reasons for the instructions that Vouchers must be signed by the party in whose favor they are made are as follows — frequently Vouchers are sent here, for payment Signed by a third party or Clerk or Agent. Enclosed you will find your Estimates for Feb & March. Approved which Authorises you to disburse that Amount. Capt Churchill is Correct in his decision — Yet when a disbursing Officer is not present who has funds and it is therefore necessary to forward them to such an Officer at a distance reliance has to be placed upon his honor as it would not be likely to forward funds without a proper Voucher The best way for parties holding Vouchers for which they wish to obtain funds from an Officer at a distant Post is to sign them and forward them to an Agent or friend to present for them for payment —

(Sgd) H. Skinner
Capt & A. A. G.

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Office Chief Quarter Master
Little Rock Ark. April 9th 66

Capt F. J. Abel
Supt R. F. & L. Affrs.
Fort Smith Ark.

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Capt.

I have the honor to send herewith (for your instruction) A set of Returns, such as you will be required to make (each month) and forward through this Office in duplicate. One Copy for the Chief of the Bureau at Washington and the other for the Secretary of the Treasury

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
(Sgd.) H. Skinner
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Affrs Ark
Little Rock Ark.
April 11th 1866

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Captain

The A.A.G. Comm. directs me to call your attention to the large discrepancy between the number of Refugees & Freedmen to whom you report Rations Issued and the number reported to Major Potter Chief C.S.

Your report is, Refugees 3,107 Freedmen 211
Potter's do 3537 do 365

In making your Issues you will exercise the greater care to have them agree with those of the Post Comm.

By order of
Brig Genl. J. W. Sprague
A.A.G. Comm.
(signed) Geo. E. Dayton
Chief Clerk

Captain T. J. Abel
Supt & Pro. Marshall
Ft Smith Ark.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Little Rock Ark. April 11" 1866

Capt Thos J Abel.
Supt Lic H. Smith Ark
Capt.

Enclosed you will fin
a copy of the register of Abandoned Lands in your
Dist. as shown by the books in this Office.
The Asst. Comm. wishes to know how Chaplain
Springer made his reports if he kept no register
of the Lands
By Order of
Brig Genl J. W. Sprague
Asst Comm.
Lew E Dayton
Chief Clerk

Bureau of R. F. & A. Ls.
Claim Division
Little Rock April 11" /66

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Circular Letter
Sir.

Having been assigned to duty by par. 2
of Special Orders No 93. Dept Bureau R. F. & A. Ls. Little Rock
31st March in charge of the Claim Division of said
Bureau I have the honor to transmit herewith a part
of the blank forms for claims of (Colrd) Soldiers &
Sailors & their Representatives against the United States
and printed instructions for preparing the same
and to inform you that the remaining forms will be furnis
as soon as they are received. Any information upon
this subject beyond what is contained in the enclosed
will be given if desired

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
John Foley
Capt & C. S.
Inclosures as above

Do

Capt Thos J Abel
Asst Adjt Gen
Fort Smith Ark

Office Supt. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark. April 16th 1866

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith Duplicate Monthly Returns of Clothing for which I am ~~accountable~~ Responsible with one complete set of vouchers for month of Jany

In explanation for not sending the Return Sooner I will State that I forwarded Duplicate Copies direct to Quartermaster Generals Office & was not Aware that the same had to be forwarded through Hd Qrs. of the Bureau intill recently I hasten to Comply

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt. Supt Bureau &c

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Office Supt. R. F. & L. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark. April 17th 1866

Sir

I have the Honor to transmit herewith Monthly Return of Clothing Received issued and remaining on hand for which I am responsible with Complete set of Vouchers and Report of Persons hired during Month of Feb. 1866 & Duplicate of each without Vouchers for Third Auditor of the Treasury Dept.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt R. F & L.

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. April 18 1866.

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Sir.

After talking with you and having my papers all here I conclude to forward through your Office Return of Clothing for Jany — will you be kind enough to Sign Invoices & forward the Same to Bureau at Washington. if any explanation is necessary not contained in any Letter of transmittal. Please make it

I am Captain
Very Respectfully
Your Obet Servt
Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Supt Bureau R.

Office Supt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. April 18th 1866

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Maj. R. Gallin

Sir

The Freedmen on your place have Complained Of not receiving full rations Your success with them will depend very much on your treatment to them I will not allow them to leave at pleasure but I must See that the Contract is carried out in good faith by all parties

Very Respectfully
(Signed) Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark April 16" 1866

Sir.

41 Office Genl Supt Schools
Little Rock Ark Apr. 15/66

Capt T J. Abel
Supt Ref & Freedmen
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

Three or four teachers ("Freedmen") have been ordered by their Commd to report at this place for duty in Arkansas & of two of the number should prove sufficiently experienced & I hope to establish them in Fort Smith I have the honor to request that when suitable rooms are provided for the Schools you will telegraph me to that effect

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm M Colby
Supt of Schools

(Sgd)

Office Supt R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark April 17. 1866

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Supt Schools

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 15th Inst is before me I am pleased to know that you are taking steps to establish Schools here and will do all in my power to forward the cause of education. I have written to Commissioner Walk and have brought the matter before Gen. Sprague, & have made arrangements to secure some buildings for School Rooms as soon as the troops are removed which will be probably done some time next Month

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and your kind offer relieves me of any further efforts to secure Leaders until I again will write you again as soon as my plan Matures.

Until again I would be pleased to hear from you often relative to the Success of our cause

Remember me kindly to Mrs Mc and miss Moore

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Thos. J. Abel

Capt. & Supt. B.R.F.&A.L.

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark. April 17th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith duplicate Monthly Returns of Clothing received, issued & Remaining on hand, with one Bill of Vouchers for Month ending 28th day of Feb. 1866

My Report was made at the proper time but was returned by the Asst-Commr. for Correction Hence the delay

Very Respfly

Your Obdt Servt

Thos J Abel

Capt & Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

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Office Supt. S. R. F. & A. R.
Fort Smith Ark. April 1st 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith duplicate Monthly Returns of Clothing received Issued & remaining on hand for which I am responsible with one set of Vouchers for Month ending 31st day March 1866.

I am Sir
Very Respfly
Your Obdt Servt
Thos. J. Able
Capt & Supt S. R. F. & A. R.

I.
C. C. S.
Comd'g Post

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Van Buren Ark.
April 17th 1866

Captain I. find Col Cooper is discriminating very sparely in giving orders to Refugees and have concluded to let things run as they are for the present. After the 1st of May we must discontinue those large issues. If there should be some who will perish without aid from Govt. they must come in where they can be seen. but to avoid a large gathering in Fort Smith the people here can ~~all~~ left the families gather at this point and you can supply them here

Col. Cooper is of great assistance to us and should be allowed to purchase from the Commissaries as Officers do

Yours
J. W. Sprague
Capt & A. A. G.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. &c.
Fort Smith Ark. April 19th 1866

Sir.

The discrepancy in my Report of issues referred to in Capt Daylons letter of the 11th inst was caused by Chaplain Springer dating Provision Returns on the 1st of March which were issued upon in Feby. My Report shows only the No of issues for which I am responsible

I have &c
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R.F.& A.A.

D. C.
Dispatched
Capt
1866

Office Bureau R.F.&c.
Fort Smith Ark April 18. 1866

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Sir.

I received Capt Daylons letter of the 11th inst - accompanying the List of Abandoned Lands as taken from your Records. I will make a return for Abandoned Lands at the earliest possible. I do not know how Chaplain Springer Made his Reports. I find no records in this Office, which will give any light on the Subject -

I am Sir
Very Respectfully &c
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt B.R.F.&c.

To
Dispatched
Capt
1866

47 Office Supt Bureau R F & C
Fort Smith Ark. March 16" 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Papers pertaining to my financial account for the month ending on the 31" of March 1866
Duplicate Form No 10 account Current with necessary Statements
" " " 11 Abstract "A" with Vouchers in Duplicate
" " " 13 " "B." with five Vouchers in Duplicate
Also Return to Paymaster & Disbursing Officers
Form Six
Very Respfly
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Signed
Capt & Supt R. F. & C. Bu.

48 Office Supt. Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark April 20/66

Sir

I have the honor transmit herewith Disp. Form 23 Disp. Abstract D.A. with Disp. Vouchers accompanying

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt R.F.&C.

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Office Supt Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. April 16/66

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith Duplicate Form 2 Report of Persons Employed

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt Bureau &c

(Copy)
(Signed)
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt Bureau &c

Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. April 20 1866

I have the honor to transmit herewith Estimate of Funds required to Cover additional Expenditures for March 1866.

I am Sir &c
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

(Copy)
(Signed)
Thos J. Abel
Capt & Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

49 Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. April 20th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you forward to me the amount of "One Hundred & Sixty Five & 20/100" Dollars to Cover my expenditures for April 1866.

I had on hands March 31st 1866	$ 204.80
Transferred to Capt. H. Skinner	100.00
Balance remaining on hand	104.80
My Estimate for April calls for	$ 270.00
Cash on hand	104.80
Bal. of Funds required	165.20

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos. J. Abel.
Capt & Supt B.R.F.& A.L.

To
Brig. Gen. J. D. Wilson
Asst Com. of Ms. &c &c
Little Rock Ark.

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. April 20th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Returns and Returns for the Month of March 1866. With necessary Vouchers and Statements appertaining thereto.

The Papers having been returned by you. I respectfully forward the same through your Office I beg leave to invite your attention to Vouchers 3. 4 & 5. Not being filled out as said March 31st 1866. I Concluded to take them up on my Return

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Supt B.R.F.& A.L.

To
Brig. Gen. J. D. Wilson
Asst Com. of Ms. &c &c
Little Rock
Ark.

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Office Supt. Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. April 20th 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to state, that owing to rainy weather & exceedingly high waters I have been unable to comply with your instructions as regards visiting Fayetteville and it is now so near the end of the month that the Returns of the Office would require my attention before I could return hence if it meets your approbation I have concluded to defer the trip until next month and should you deem it necessary to order me to St Louis on business I can lay over at Fayetteville a few days on my way up. We are getting along very well with the issuing judging from the present prospects I think we will be able to reduce the issues for this month to less than 25,000 Rations.

I propose discontinuing the issues next month to the few helpless persons who cannot possibly live without assistance. The small Pox in the City is prevailing to quite an extent four new Cases have been reported to me since yesterday Morning.

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
Thos. J. Abel
Capt & Asst Q.M.

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Office Supt B R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark April 27th 1866

Sir

Lucinda Johnson (Cold) States that her Grandson Washington is at Present in your employ, that She is the nearest relative living, that She wants the Child under her immediate Control, Having made application to you and receiving no Satisfaction She Claims the protection of the "Bureau"

You will on application of the said Lucinda Johnson (Cold) turn over the said (Cold boy) Washington to her without delay

Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt B R F & A L

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Office Supt B. R. F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark April 30th 66

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith Duplicate Monthly Returns of Clothing Received, issued & Remaining on hand for which I am responsible with one Set of Vouchers

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thomas J Abel
Capt & Supt B R F & A L

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. May 1st 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Estimate of Funds necessary to cover expenditure for Month of May ult approved please remit amount at your earliest Convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt & Supt

Office Supt. Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. May 1st 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to request the Services of a Mounted man as soon as practicable, to go a distance of five miles in the Country to arrest a Freedman Charged with murder

Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt Bureau R. F. & A.

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort-Smith Ark. May 1st 1866

Sir.

Owing to the considerable amount of business which requires my attention in various directions I respectfully ask that you furnish me with a Standing order for a Horse Saddle and Bridle

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abell
Capt Supt Bureau R F & A L

Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. May 2nd 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Copy of Charges and Specifications against Frank Scruggs Freedman and would respectfully ask that a military Commission be convened at this Post to dispose of the Case as it is one of too much importance to be tried by a single Officer. I do not think it would be well to place the Case in the hands of the Civil authorities, while renewed feelings of hatred are being displayed toward the Negro by a Majority of the citizens of this part of the State

I am Sir
Very. Respectfully &c
Thos. J. Abell
Capt. Supt. Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R. F & A. Le.
Fort Smith Ark. May 4" 1866

Sir.

Mrs. Jack.

Informs me that she has been to your Office to get an Affidavit written and could not get it because she had not the neccessary fee to pay. Surely people in a starving Condition cannot pay. and as the number of such cases will probably be few. I really hope that pay will not be expected

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Thos J. Abel
Capt Supt B. R. F & A. Le.

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Office Supt Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark. May 4" 1866

Sir

Mrs Nickell in charge of Orphans Home complains that on the 30" of April she sent an Order for bread to the Post C.S. on which there was about forty rations due. A (Cold) man in the Bakery took the Order and did not return it. Mrs Nickell has since sent for bread but has been unable to obtain any. Please inquire in to the matter

I am Capt
Very Respectfully
(Sgd) Your Obdt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt Supt B. R. F & A.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. May 4th 1866

Capt. Abel.
Supt. Refugees & Freedmen

Sir

In answer to your note of this date I have the honor to respectfully submit to your attention Paragraph II Orders from the Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau "Separate Reports of Refugees and Freedmen will be made monthly through the Surgeon in Chief of the District to the Chief Medical Officer of the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands Washington D. C. ——
By Special Order from the Surgeon Gen'l U. S. A. five days "grace" is granted upon all Monthly Reports—

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Jos. S. C. Rowland
A. A. Surgeon U. S. A.
& Freedmen Bureau

Endorsement Office Supt &c
Ft Smith Ark May 4th 66
Respectfully Returned.
Do you Refuse to Comply with instructions from this Office
Very Respectfully
Chas S. Abel
Capt. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark.
May 4th 1866

By no means—but from the fact furnished I thought the Report "Monthly" went direct from me to the Surgeon in Chief
Respt. Your obdt Servt
Jos S C Rowland

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark May 5th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Report of Refugees & Freedmen for the Month of April /66. Owing to the pressure of business I have been unable to complete all of my Reports The same will be forthcoming

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt. Supt B.R.F.&L.

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark. May 5th 1866

Mr. Saml. Edmundson
Justice of Peace
Sir.

I respectfully ask that you call at this Office as soon as possible. I must see you on business of importance

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt. Supt B.R.F.&L.

Office Supt: Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 7th 1866

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Wm. Sam'l H. Payne
County Clerk.
Sir.

Having been authorized by the Navy Dept. to forward Claims for persons of Color. I would be pleased to make a permanent arrangement with you by which such persons may obtain Your Official Signature And the County Seal. You may charge them the usual rates for such Duties. They will be required to furnish or pay for the Rev. Stamps. Please reply

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully
Thos. J. Abel
Capt. Supt. B.R.F. & Ab.

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Office Supt: Bureau &c.
May 8th 1866
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Papers containing to my Financial Account for the Month Ending the 30th day of April 1866

Duplicate Form No "10" Account Current with Vouchers
" " " "13" Abstract "B" With Vouchers
" " " "2" Reports of Persons & Articles

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
(signed) Thos. J. Abel
Capt Supt B.R.F. & Ab.

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Office Supt. Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark.
May 8th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Monthly Reports of Abandoned Lands in Districts of Ft Smith Arkansas for the month ending the 30th day of April 1866.

We are endeavoring to ascertain the real Condition of Lands reported as abandoned but have as yet been unable to obtain satisfactory information or to collect rents — hence the vacancy in the Column of Remarks

I am Sir.
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(signed) Thos. J. Abel
Capt. Supt. B.R.F.&A.L.

I.
Lt. Col. Thomas &c
Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Office Supt. Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark May 4th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to submit the following as my Monthly Report of business transacted during April 1866. The number of Refugees to whom rations have been issued during the month is 867 - 117 have received medical treatment, The number of Freedmen to whom rations were issued is 67 & 32 have rec'd Medical treatment

The number of Rations issued to Refugees is 17.207
" " " " " " Freedmen is 1270
Total " " " " " Refugees & Freedmen 18 477
The cash value of Rations issued to Refugees is $2656.38
" " " " " " " Freedmen 201.34
Total " " " " " Refugees & Freedmen $2857.72

I have gradually Reduced the issues and am now adopting the System Set forth in Circular No "2" a Copy of which I forwarded to your Office the 26th Ult.

During the Month we have received large quantities of Sanitary Supplies Consisting of Corn Clothing &c. Most of which we have distributed reserving Small portion for extreme Cases of destitution

The Small Pox is prevailing to an alarming extent among the Freedmen of Fort Smith & Vicinity but is being Succesfully treated by the Surgeon in Charge of Post Hospital.

Freedmen are coming almost daily from Texas in a destitute condition and report that Anarchy & Despotism reign Supreme, and that the most intelligent Freedmen, are driven from their homes, and families. many have been Shot & hung for expecting a desire to enjoy their rights, as Freedmen. while others are intimidated by Vile threats and cruel treatment, rendering their Condition most deplorable. Political excitement in Fort Smith runs High. the Civil Officials are under the impression that the Military will Soon be withdrawn. and that the County will Soon be under civil law, and already say what they would and would'nt do, with the negro.

I Shall not be disappointed if we have some trouble when the expedition leaves for Mexico

We are endeavoring to ascertain the real Condition of lands reported as abandoned. but have not been able to obtain Satisfactory information. since no rents have been Collected.

Capt Jas C. Churchill A. Q. M. has kindly offered to furnish necessary buildings as soon as expedition leaves. to be used as School Houses but they will have to be removed to the Govt Reserve. That accomplished I see nothing further to prevent the establishing of Schools at an early day.

I am sir &c

Thos J Abel

Capt Asst B R F & A L

Bvt Lt Col U S A

Asst Comr

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Office Supt. Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Little Rock Ark.
May 11th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit my Report of Persons & Articles for March 1866.

I would respectfully State that I have made the Corrections as directed - but in justice to myself will say that I made the abstract pursuant to Custom of the D. M. Dept at this Post and Consequently expected no difficulty in regard to its Correctness

The first National Bank of Fort Smith not being a regular U. S. Depository. I cannot dispose of the Int. Revenue Tax Collected by me as you recommend

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt R. R. & F. & A. Ls

(Signed)

Capt. H. Hopkins C. S. A.
A. A. I. G. & A. G.
Little Rock
Ark

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Office Supt &c
Little Rock Ark. May 9th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a claim for Bounty and pay of Pvt. Austin Garey Co "G" "83" U. S. C. Infty accompanied by his discharge

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J. Abel
Capt-Supt R. R. F. & A.

(Signed)

Capt. John Tyler
2nd U. S. C.
Little Rock
Ark.

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Office Supt Cs
Fort Smith Ark.
May 11" 1866

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a Sight Draft on Second National Bank of St Louis Mo drawn in my favor for the amount of Two Hundred & Seventy five Dollars " Enclosed please find Receipts in Triplicate for the above amount

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos. J Abel
Capt Supt R.F. & A. Cs.

Capt. Supt. R.F. & A. Cs.
Bureau R.F. & A. Cs.
Little Rock
Ark

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Office Supt Bureau Cs.
Fort Smith Ark
May 12. 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Returns of C. C. & G. Cs for the Month of Feb. Mar. & April. & would respectfully State that I cannot understand why the same were sent back. I have carefully examined the Returns and cannot discover any deficiency

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt R.F.C.

(Filed)

To
Capt Holly Stevens A. Q. M.
Bureau R.F. & A. Cs.
Little Rock
Ark

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Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark
May 8th 66

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Sir.

Information has been received at this Office that a certain Henry Waters (Cold) has been arrested and Imprisoned by Constables Hood & Lloyd.

The same being irregular I would request that the said Henry Waters be released at once & an explanation rendered to this office at your Earliest Convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

F. W. Mayer (signed)
of the 1st Ill Cavalry
U.S.

A. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R. &

Office Supt Bureau R.F. & C
Fort Smith Ark
May 11th 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to request the service of a mounted Soldier to go about 4 miles from Fort Smith to arrest a man charged with Stealing a horse belonging to a (Cold) man of this place

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Lt. O. F. Hammond
Comdg Post
Fort Smith
Ark

A. Geisreiter
Act Supt Bureau &c

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Office Supt Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 12th 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to request that Samuel Sanders (Freedmen) be confined in the Military Guardhouse of Fort Smith Ark upon the charge of Larceny

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lieut Supt Bureau &c

Office Supt Bureau R.F.&C.
Fort Smith Ark
May 14 1866

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Sir.

I have the honor to forward a little boy a bright mulatto whose name I have not been able to ascertain, whose mother died very suddenly leaving no one to care for the child. The woman in whose care the boy is placed has been very kind to him, ~~proffered to take him~~ to take him to Little Rock and place him in your care

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S Geisreiter
Lieut Supt Bureau &c

Supt Office Fort Smith (signed)
Little Rock
A. K.

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Office Supt Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 13th 1866

Sir

You will please turn over to Constable Loring Jassenberger a (Colrd) prisoner by the name of Samuel Deadman Charged with Larceny

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Asst Genl
Supt Bureau &c

Endorsement 3

Office Bureau R. F. & C.
Mo. Ark & Ind. Ter.,
Little Rock Ark.

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Respectfully Returned

the Case had better be turned over to the Civil Authori

Under the Civil Rights Bill, which has become a law the Case can be tried the same as though the parties were white citizens

By order of
Brvt Maj Gen.
(Signed) J. W. Sprague
Asst Comm

(Signed) D. H. Williams
A. A. G.

Office Supt Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark

Endorsement
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
773 Mo. Ark & Ind Ter.
Little Rock Ark.
(Respectfully Returned)
to Capt T. J. Abel. for Correction and Completion
The rations should be charged at 12½ cents
each

Office Supt B R &c
Fort Smith Ark May 14/66
Respectfully Returned to Capt
& Skinner with the Statement
that corrections were made as above
required
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Svnt
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt &c

By Order of
Brevet Maj Gen
(Signed) J. W. Sprague
Asst. Commr.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo & Ark.
Chief 2nd Mr Office
Little Rock Ark May 8th 1866

Capt Thos. J. Abel
Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this Office of the following Returns from you for the month of April 1866 — To wit — Return of Stores. (B.R. F. & A. L.) which I have forwarded to Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard Comr. at Washington D. C.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) H. Skinner
Asst & Chief 2 Mr.
B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
For Ms. & Ark.
Chief Q. M. Office
Little Rock Ark.
May 8th 1866

Capt Thos J. Abel
Supt Bureau R. F & A
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this Office of the following Returns from you for the month of March 1866 viz: Cash Papers six duplicate One set of which I have forwarded to the Com. (B. R. F. & A. L.) and the other to Hon. John Wilson 5th Auditor of the U. S. Treasury

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H. Skinner
Capt & Chief Q. Mast
B. R. F. & A. L.

50. Office Supt Bureau &c.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 14th 1866

Sir.

Complaint has been made at this Office by Elisabeth Geary (colrd) who lives within your jurisdiction who states that she has been treated by Elisabeth Paris Bethena Paris Mary Price Margaret Price all of the Sac Nation and has since been notified to leave her present home by the above parties threatening to beat her and make her leave, and she is afraid to stay there, it being beyond any jurisdiction, I refer the Matter to you and would respectfully request that you protect the woman.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed)
Jno Phelps Lieut
Superintt
Ind. Affairs

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Office Supt Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 14th 1866

Pvt Andrew Jackson Co E 57th U S C T upon Oath before me states that he bought two rooms in a house on the school land (so called) from the original owner of the building in which the rooms are Andrew Jackson is therefore authorized to hold said properly

(signature)

S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L

Office Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 15th 1866

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Sir

I have the honor to state that Capt Thos J Abel has left Fort Smith the 12th inst and has turned over to me all Funds Books and Papers pertaining to the office. Your decision in the case of Frank Scruggs Freedmen is carried out, and the prisoner is now in the hands of the civil authorities. Am I authorized to turn over all cases to the civil Authorities that are of too much importance to be tried by a single officer. Please advise me more fully in the matter at your earliest convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(signature)
S Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L

Bvt Brig Gen W. P. Mclaren
Asst Com Ms & Chief Qr Mr.
Little Rock
Ark

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Office Supt B.R.F & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark
May 16th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to state that Wm. Cornelius Eagen formerly a soldier in Co E. the 3d U.S. Cav Capt Howland Comdy Co was discharged the 18th day of June 1865 while the command was in New Mexico by reason of Surgeons Certificate of Disability and now claims to be entitled to pension. He further states that he employed Bennett and Hermanmay of St Louis Mo to make out and forward the necessary documents to secure said pension on or about the 18th day of May 1865 that he has written repeatedly to Bennett and Hermanmay but can get no satisfaction from them

I would respectfully ask in his behalf whether the claim has been allowed or not and if not for the necessary instructions to enable him to secure the same

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
A Geisreiter
Sct Supt B.R.F & A.L.

1st Indorsement Gen. Office
Washington DC
May 30 1866
Respectfully Returned
to A. Geisreiter
Freedmens Bureau
Fort Smith Ark with the
information that application
of this kind should be forwarded
to the Comr of Pensions
Washington DC
By Chas Beach
Asst Adjt Gen

(Sgd)

Office Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 22nd 1866

A H. Lacy Esq

Sir

I have the honor to return
Your report of time lost by freedmen in your employ
and would respectfully invite your attention to the
form written on the back which you will make out
in duplicate one copy to be kept by you and
the other to be forwarded to this office

Office Supt &c
Fort Smith. Ark
May 19th 1866

85 Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from Gen. Howard and a copy of resolution passed by Congress May 1st 1866 together with a blank form to be filled out as the letter directs. Brvt Maj Gen J. W. Sprague directs me to request your Co operation in the matter in order to enable me to make the required report at the earliest possible moment

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) B. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

&c

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Mo. & Ark.
Little Rock Ark. May 17/66

Capt Thos J. Wistar
Supt A.F.T.A.L.
Fort Smith Ark

Capt.

I have the honor to return herewith your Property Papers for the months of Feb March and April for the second time. I would most Respectfully call your attention to the paragraphs in my Communication of the 1st Inst which says. "The Receipt Rolls of Clothing issued. are posted incorrectly

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) H. Skinner
Capt & A.A.G.M.

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Bureau Ref Frmn & Abd Lands
Fort Smo. & Ark
Office Chief Z. Master
Little Rock Ark May 17th/66

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Capt Thos. J. Abel
Supt B.R.F.L.A.Ld"
Fort-Smith Ark

Capt

I have the honor to return herewith one copy of your Money accounts for the Month of May, which I infer was sent here through mistake. as I have triplicate copies. Duplicate only being required

I am Capt
Very Respty,
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) V. Skinner
Capt & A.A.G.M.

Office Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 19th 1866

88 Dr James Stephenson
Fayetteville Ark

Sir

Pursuant to instructions from Brvt Major Genl Sprague Asst Comr I have the hon to forward herewith Official Copies of from Maj Gen. Howard C. B. &c and of resolution passed by Congress May 1st 1866. You having been recomend to the Gen. by Mr. Belding as a person who would interest himself in beh of the suffering poor of your section. I would respectfully request that if possible you would assist me in ascertaining all the facts required in the letter of instruction from Gen Howard and forward to this office a report accord to the forms enclosed at your earliest convenian

Very Respy
(Signed) A Grasiyle

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Office Supt-&c
Fort Smith Ark
May 23" 1866

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Sir

Lewis Moore a leading Freedmen of this place applied to this office for information as to whether there is any remuneration made by Govt to people of Color. who were free at the commencement of the war. & lived in the Seminole & Creek Nations and were compelled to abandon real estate & personal property by reason of existing hostilities. I respectfully pray the Asst Comis Advice in the matter in order to enable me to give the desired information to the applicant & others

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) A Geisreiter
Lt 5th U S C Cav

Endorsement on the above"
U.S.F.T.D.L. Little Rock May 27"66
Respectfully Returned — There
is no provision made for persons of this
class of
By Order of
Bvt Maj Genl J W Sprague
Capt Thos J Abee
Supt R.C.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir.

I have the honor to
acknowledge the Receipt of the following Returns from your
office for the month of may 1866 To wit:
1 Form No 10. Acct Current with Vouchers. In
duplicate

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) H. Skinner
Capt & Supt B R F & L

Bureau R F & A L
Dist of Ark.
Chief Q M Office
Little Rock Ark. May 17 1866

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Skullyville May 23" 1866

P. Geiseuteo

Sir.

Yours Communication enclosing instructions &c. is received

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Resolution of Congress and contents noted.

In accordance with orders the Indian Dept. I have issued to the Cheetaws & Chickasaws & to the Southern Cherokees-Refugees- all the corn. potatoes & Seeds, needful to plant and have also issued to these. such supplies as were necessary up to this time, and I think I have enough Corn & Flour to supply these Indians untill their new Crops are fit for use Should suffering occur the fact shall be promptly reported to your Office and the necessary assistance asked for

Very Respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

Isaac Coleman

U. S. Indian Agent

Cheetaw & Chickasaw

Office Supt. B. R. &c

Fort Smith Ark May 23/66 (signed)

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Maj.

Gen. S. R. Sprague. Asst Com.

Bureau R. F. & L. &c Mo & Ark. Ind Dept.

(Signed) P Geiseuteo

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Asst Supt B R. Fd.

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Office Supt. Bureau C.C.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 28th 1866

The Supt.

Hereby publishes for the information of all concerned

Circular No. 20"
Circular No 21"

Pursuant to Circular No. 20 No more Rations will be issued from this office after the 1st day of June 1866.. except as therein provided

(Signed) A. J. Guitter
Act Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

Office Supt. Bureau &c
Fort Smith Ark
May 28. 1866

I have the honor to request your assistance in behalf of Joseph Davidson (a Freedman) who states that there is a yoke of Cattle in your district, that were Captured during the war and are now in the possession of an Indian, by the name of Mitchell. that the said Cattle are his property & if possible, wishes the same restored to him by proper authority

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) A. J. Guitter
Act Supt B.R.F.&A.L.
Front Dist Ark

John Sattinger
Asst Agent Creek Agency
Vicinity

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War Dept.
Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c
Washington D. C.
May 18th 1866

Capt. Thomas J. Abel
Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

Sir

Your

Property accounts - "Stores pertaining to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands for the month of March 1866, have been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination & Settlement

By order of
Maj Gen. O. O. Howard
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) J. M. Brown
Bvt Maj & Chief Q M.
Bureau R. F. & L.

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3 (X) Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark & Indian Ter.
Little Rock Ark May 23 1866

(1) Respectfully Returned

It is desirable that in all cases that can properly be adjudicated by the civil authorities should be disposed of in that way. Under the Civil Rights Bill nearly all can be referred to the Civil Courts

By order of
Bvt Maj Gen J. W. Sprague
(Sgd) Wm Penn

(Sgd) D. R. Williams
Maj.

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War Department
Bureau Refugees Freedmen &c.
Washington May 4th 1866.

Bvt Maj Gen. J. B. Sprague
Asst Com.
General

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I am directed by Maj Gen. Howard, to forward for your information the enclosed Copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives.

The Commissioner wishes you to make immediate inquiry into the condition of persons included within the class referred to by the resolution and to report the result of your inquiries and the action which it may be necessary to take for their relief. The Commissioner also directs that hereafter a Monthly Estimate for each State be made by each Asst Com. shewing the amount of rations which will be needed to prevent actual suffering among the class of persons above referred to, and that such estimate be forwarded to these Hd Qrs as early as possible in the month preceding the one for which the estimate is made.

With regard to furnishing Corn and other seed for planting, the Secretary of War wishes as soon as it can possibly be furnished a Schedule embracing the names of Landowners and others according to the form enclosed. Fill the blanks opposite the names of men who have no land "no land" Please Call upon the Governor and others Civil Authorities for for aid when it will hasten your work. The County Magistrates will easily ascertain the facts where there is no Agent

I am General
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) A. P. Ketchum
Asst Adjt Genl.

A true Copy
J. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For. Mo. Ark. & Ind. Ters
Office Gen. Supt of Schools
Little Rock. Ark May "18" 1866

Capt. Thos. J. Abel.
Supt of Ref. Ems Freedmens
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of April 17" and to say in reply that the teachers mentioned in my former Com. reported here but were too feeble to go as far as Fort Smith and have returned to Indiana It is now very doubtful if teachers can be secured for that point before Autumn, Although I hope to secure more laborers then, there is some uncertainty about it unless the "Friends" will undertake to supply the field which I hope they may be induced to do. for they are our best workers. The School Reports for April show a very favorable State of things. No School has been forcibly interrupted in its operations, to my knowledge, during the year. and not one has required a guard to protect it. Thirty (30) teachers report an enrollment of Sixteen Hundred (1600) for. April against Twenty five teachers and Thirteen Hundred (1300) pupils for March We have in this City five hundred (Children) enrolled, and the teachers meet weekly for improvement.

Mr & Mrs Moore have returned to the North and Miss J. P. Moore is now in Charge of the Asylum. I will with pleasure present to the latter your regards

Very Respectfully
Yours Truly
(signed) Wm McCurdy
Genl Supt of Schools

Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. Ln
Fort Smith Ark May 26/66

Respectfully Forwarded to
Bvt Maj Gen J. W. Sprague
Asst Comm. B. R. F. & A. Ln.
Mos Ark. & Ind. Ter.
(Sgd) D. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B. R. F. & A. Ln.

(Endorsement)

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. Ln.
Fort Smith Ark.
June 3rd 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Estimate of Funds for June 1866. There not being sufficient funds on hand I would respectfully ask to have the amount remitted at your earliest convenience

I
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(sgd) D. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B. R. F. & A. Ln.

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. Ln.
Fort Smith Ark
May 31st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to request you to Lend me two good men mounted to go into the country in search of 3 mules and one horse that was taken from a Colard man last night Please have them report soon

I
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
D. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B. R. F. & A. Ln.

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Office Supt B.R.F.& A. Lds,
Fort Smith Ark
May 25th 1866

Sir

101) I have the honor to transmit herewith my Estimate of Rations required during the mont of June 1866

C/C

Lt Col Jno A. Rawlins
Asst Genl B.R.F.& A. Ls.
Little Rock Ark

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(signed) P. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.& A. Ls.

Office Supt B.R.F.& A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark
May 25th 1866

102) Col. Howe 6
Comdy 3rd U.S. Cav

Sir I have the honor to call
that Gen Lewis Moore upon receiving permission
from you to search for his Mules and horse
as per my request returned to this office complaining
that he was threatened with being shot by the
men in charge of the train. I would most
respectfully request your cooperation in
assisting the poor man to obtain satisfaction
as to whether the horse and mules are among
those belonging to your train or not and should
he find them in there and prove properly
please protect him in securing the same

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(signed) P. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.& A. Ls.

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Office Supt-B.R.F.&A.Co,
Fort-Smith Ark
June 2 1866

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(Endorsement-) Respectfully forwarded
to Bvt-Maj. Gen'l W. Shrayne
Asst Com. B.R.F.&A.Co.
Mo. Ark & Ind Terry
Little Rock Ark

(Sgd) D. Geisreiter
1st-Supt-B.R.F.&A.Co

Office Supt B.R.F.&A.Co.
Fort Smith Ark
May 24 1866

Col Howe Comdy 3rd D.A.C.

Sir

I have the honor to request that you permit Lewis Moore and Dean Hardridge (Cold) to pass through your Camp in search of three Mules and one horse that were taken from them last night and they suppose that the same were taken by mistake by some of the teamsters connected with your train

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't-Servt-
(Sgd) D. Geisreiter
1st Supt B.R.F.&A.Co.

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Office Supt B.R.F.R.A.de.
Fort Smith Ark
June 4 1866

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Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Returns for the Month of May 186
To wit-

Account Current with Abstract B.
and five Vouchers duplicate
Report of Persons and Articles in duplicate
Report of Refugees
Report of Freedmen
Report of Lands

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt-
(sgd) O. Geisreiter
Lt-Supt B.R.F.R.A.de.

1st Indorsement

Hd Qrs Asst Comr B.R.F.R.A.Ms
Little Rock Ark June 6th 1866
Forwarded
Ltt Col Asst Adjt Genl

Office Supt B.R.F.R.A.de
Fort Smith Ark,
May 31st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith Report of Sick and Wounded Refugees and Freedmen of A.A. Surgeon Jos. S.C. Rowland for the Month of May 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
O. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.R.A.de

2d Indorsement

Hd Qrs Asst Comr B.R.F.R.A.Ms
Little Rock Ark June 6th 1866
Forwarded
By Command of
Bvt Lieut Col Asst Adjt Genl

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. &c.
Fort Smith Ark. May 31st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following as my Monthly Report of business transacted during the Month of May 1866.

Capt. Thos. J. Abel left pursuant to orders from your office, on the 12th inst. and has turned over to me, the Books, Funds, Papers pertaining to this Office.

The Issue of rations to indigent persons, has been reduced to the lowest possible number, and none have been supplied, except those who furnish an Affidavit required in Capt Abel's "Circular No 2"

The No. of Refugees to whom rations have been issued is =169=
" " " Freedmen " " " " " " =6=
Total 175

No of Refugees minors Med. Treatment =11=
" " Freedmen " " " =52=
Total 132

No of rations issued to Refugees 1 =2158=
" " " " Freedmen 1 =180=
Total =3338=

Cash Value of Rations issued to Refugees $702.64
" " " " " Freedmen 22.95
Total $725.59

The Sanitary Supplies of Corn, & Clothing rec'd during the Month, are =353= Sacks of Corn, 2 Boxes of Clothing, & one of Shoes, Same has been distributed

Circular No. 20" from your Office is being strictly carried out, and the Amount of rations necessary during the next month, will not exceed one thousand

I have visited the Colored Schools in this place, Company with Chaplain F. Springer and find

that two small schools are being kept here. one by Mrs. E. Brott, a white lady. the other, by Jerry Washington a young man of Color, Mrs. Brotts school is in a flourishing Condition. the other is doing well, but as Mr Jerry Washington's education is very limited, his school is necessarily not as prosperous as the former, they are supported, by private Contributions and not under the Control of the Bureau.

I have notified parties whose lands are on the Books of the Bureau, as abandoned, that rents will be collected, until the same are restored to owner, on proper application, They all refuse to pay rents. because they Claim that Chaplain J. Springer, restored the property to them. that they were not aware that any thing further, was necessary until they received any notice.

I purpose making a special Report at an early day, setting forth the exact state of affairs relative to Abandoned Lands, in this District,

Pursuant to instructions I have turned over all proper Cases to the "Civil Authorities" and have Carefully noted proceedings and am pleased to state that they manifest a willingness to administer justice.

The community at Fort Smith and vicinity, have been kept in Constant dread, by reason of numerous outrages, Committed by the Soldiers and teamsters of the expeditionary forces under Col Howe, 3d U. S. Cav.

The Colored people have suffered much by them and it is the prayer of all, to have them leave at the earliest possible period.

Bvt. Lt. Col. R. H. Barnard Comdg Post of Fort Smith is doing all in his power to establish order and, is an efficient Officer

Very Respectfully
Your Obet Servt
A. Geiger
1st Lieut BR FdAs

To
Brig Maj Gen J. B. Kiddoo
Asst Comm B R F & A
Little Rock Ark

(Agent)

Office Supt. B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark. June 4th/64

Wm W. Colby
Gen. Supt. Fr. Schools for Ark

Sir.

I have the honor to forward herewith a Consolidated monthly Report of Schools in operation in this place.

They are not under the control of the Bureau, and hence not as efficient as might be desired. Mrs Booth is a White Lady of Competent Ability to teach a good School, but is not able to rent a good room and the one She is now keeping School in is too small & unpleasant for Comfort,

Mr. Jerry Washington is a Young man of Color & is teaching in the Baptist Church. He has never been to School and Claims to be self educated, the Schools are very orderly, the Scholars neat and tidy and would if Consolidated under Competent teachers advance rapidly in their Studies The teachers are paid by the Parents of the Children

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) R. Lowrie
Act Supt B R F & A L

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Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abd Lands
Off Do. & Asst. Chief 2 M. Office
Little Rock. Ark. May 8th 1866.

Capt. Thos J. Abel.
Supt. B. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark.

106)

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office of the following Returns from you, for the Month of March 1866 Viz. Cash papers, in duplicate.

One of which I have forwarded to the Comm. of B. R. F. & A. Ls., and the other to Hon. John Wilson 1st Auditor of the Treasury

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Signed) H. Skinner
Capt & Chief Q. Master

Bureau R. F. & A. L.

107) For Mo Ark & Ind Territy
Little Rock. Ark May 31st 1866

Sir

I transmit by Mail this day to your address five (5) copies blank form "Power of Attorney" which will be used in Claims of any description, when the Power of attorney is not given in the "Declaration" or "application," as for example "Fathers application for arrears of Pay & Bounty"

Please forward receipts for these and all Blanks, that have been Received and likewise hereafter as soon as you receive them

I am very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
John Tyler Capt 2d
In Charge of Office

Capt Thos J Abel
Supt B. R. F. & A. Ls.
Fort Smith Ark (Ega)

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office of Asst Com.
108 Little Rock Ark. June 5th 1866.

Lieut A. Geisseiler
Supt &c &c Ref. Refugees &c.
Fort Smith Ark.,

Lt.

Your Estimate of funds for July has been Received, but the Monthly Reports have not yet come to hand

The Asst. Com. directs that you forward them without delay, not waiting for the return of your book of issues. but making them out from the extract you made before sending book.

By Order of
Bvt Maj Gen. G. W. Sprague
Asst Com.
(Sgd) George E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Office Asst Com.
108 Lieut Geisseiler & supt &c. Little Rock Ark June 5/66
Fort Smith Ark.

In the copy of S. O. 57 Par 3 restoring the "Marshall House" Fayetteville Ark. to J. Steiman, furnished you. I find the words "at Fayetteville Ark." have been omitted.

Will you insert them in your Copy. & oblige

Truly Yours.
(Sgd) George E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

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Fayetteville Ark
May 30" /66

Lt. A Geissler
Supt. R. & F.
Fort Smith Ark.

Dear Sir:

We have many
110 destitute families of Refugees & Freedmen in our County
have nodes actually starving for it is the disposition
of those that have, to divide, but I know of many
Widows and their Children, that have nothing but meal
— no meat — and meal is getting more difficult to
obtain, as it has to be transported from Missouri
I cannot give names and numbers, but think
it would require 200 to 300. rations weekly for
the Month. I mean the number of Individuals for
that length of time, More than half Children —
would not recommend anything but Flour, Meal, &
Bacon. Some Coffee & Sugar for the sick.
Two Months will give us the benefit of harvest and
until that time. Some will find it a difficult
matter to live. I cannot attend to issueing of the
rations (Should) you send any + but will be responsible
for their proper disposition — Can get some one that will
attend to the matter for reasonable Compensation & send
a strict account.
In self defence I will call
your attention to another matter viz, relative to the R. & F. of
this vicinity. Since Closing the Ref. Hospital viz St Louis, last July. I have
been at this place my home, and dispensing Medicines to them without
any Compensation furnishing & visiting them in different parts
of the County, until I find I cannot live by any profession
unless, some assistance from some Source & would ask
that Dr Pollard & Myself be furnished with Medicines for
their benefit this Summer & fall. We ask no Compensation
for our Services, No other Physicians in this Vicinity
are doing anything for them Dr Pollard & Myself are practicing
together.

Yours Truly
(Sgd) J. Jas. Stevenson

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Treasury Department
Third Auditors Office
May 16th 1866.

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Sir

Your Bureau R. F. & A. L. accounts for the Month of March 1866. have been received at this office

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. W. Grayson
For Auditor

Capt. C. S. A.
(Copy of Letter Signed)

Office R. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark
June 11th 1866.

Amasa Edmundson & W. Carrion.

Sirs.

I have the honor to state that the bill of Sheriff Miles is illegal & exarbitant. I know of no law authorizing him to make such a charge. I must protect Lewis Moore from Imposition Come from where it may.

Very Respectfully
(Sgd) A. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt R. R. F. & A. L.

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Ft Smith Ark
June 11th 66.

Rowland J: S. C.
Surg Freedmens Bureau

Gives notice of a
Case of Small Pox
& asks its removal
to Post Hospital

2d Ind. Post Ft Smith
Ft Smith 11th June 66
Respectfully Referred
to Dr. E. J. Darken
Post Surgeon
(Sgd) R W. Barnard
Capt 19th U S Infy
Bvt Lieut Col
Comdg Post

Office of Post Surg,
June 11th 1866
Respectfully Returned
to A A. Surg Rowland
with information that
orders have been received
from the Med. Direct. Dept
of Ark. to receive no
more Citizens into Post
Hospital
(Sgd) Edw J Darken
Asst Surg U.S.A

Fort Smith June 13/66
Respectfully Forwarded to
Lieut B. R F. & A. Le.
for instructions as to
what course is to be adopted
for the proper care of
this Class of Patients
(Sgd) Jos. L. C Rowland
A A Surgeon U.S.A.

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark June 13th
Respectfully ref. to A A Surg.
Jos. L. C. Rowland. The Supt
has no means of assistance
beyond that of the issue of
Medicines & Medicine allowed
The patient will necessarily have
to be treated at her home under
the City authorities should
appropriate a suitable place
and thereby prevent contagion
among the inhabitants
(Sgd) J Geis order
Act Supt B R F & A

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Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark June 12" 1866

F. Mc Kearren
Justice of the Peace
114 Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith an official copy of letter of instructions from Bvt Maj Gen J W. Sprague Asst Comr. B.R.F. & A. L. for Mo. Ark. & Ind Terry, defining the power of the Bureau under the "Civil Rights Bill"

Copy sent to J Edmunason

F. Mc Carren
Johns Howard Co Judge (Sgd)

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) L Geiseiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

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Mrs Mary Vernon
Fort Smith Ark. June 1st/66
Application for Restoration of
Property in Ft Smith Ark.

Office Supt B.R.F & A.L.
Ft Smith Ark. June 8/66

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Maj Gen J W. Sprague Asst Com B.R. F & A L. Mo. Ark. & Ind Ter.y with the statement that the property has been in the possession of the applicant Mrs Vernon as herein set forth, & that no rents have been Collected on the premises since Oct 1865.

(Sgd) L. Geiseiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

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John King
Fort Smith Ark June 2/66
Application for Restoration
of property in Fort Smith to

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Ft Smith Ark June 8/66

Respectfully forwarded to
Bvt Maj Gen J W. Sprague Asst
Com. B R F & A L. for Mo Ark & Ind Ter
with the statement that
no rents have been Collected
since last fall when the
property was turned over
as herein set forth

(Sgd) L. Geiseiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

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Fort Smith Ark. June 11th 66

Kennedy J. R. Administrator
of the estate of Rebecca Gorkin

Application for restoration of property
belonging to the Estate of Rebecca
Gorkin deceased & registered
on the books of the Bureau
in the name of J. R. McKenzie
to wit.

Lots 7. 8. 9. 10. 11. 12 Block
No 25 City of Fort Smith
Ark.

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark
June 11th 1866

Respectfully forwarded to
Bvt Maj Genl J W Sprague
Asst Com B R F & A L.,
with the Statement that the
property is in the hands of the
parties as herein set forth

(Signed) L Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

Fort Smith Ark
June 11th 1866

Kennedy J R.
Administrator of the Estate
of Rebecca Barling (dec'd)

Application for restoration of
Lot 11 & 12 in Block 19
City of Fort Smith

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark June 11th 1866

Respectfully forwarded to
Bvt Maj Genl J W Sprague
Asst Com B R F & A L.,
with the Statement that the
property is in the hands of the
parties as herein set forth

(Signed) L Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

Fort Smith Ark June 13th 1866.

Spring Dr. Nicolas

Application for restoration of Lots
7. 8. 11 & 12 Block "28" taken up as
the property of Thos McCarren & Lots 1,
5. 6. 7. 8. & 9. Block "P" taken up as
as property of unknown owner & Lots
3. 4. 9 & 10 as property of Dr Nathan &
all in Fort Smith Ark.

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark June 18th 1866

Respectfully forwarded to
Bvt Maj Gen J W Sprague
Asst Com B R F & A L. Mo. Ark & Miss
with the Statement that the property
is in the hands of the parties as
herein set forth & that no rents
have been collected since
October 1865.

(Sgd) L. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B. R. F. & A

Fort Smith Ark.
June 11th 66

Ward O. C.

Applies for restoration of
Lots 9. 10. 11. 12. Block "22."
City of Fort Smith &.
Enclosed necessary proofs.

Of

Office Supt B.R.F.& A.Le.
Fort Smith Ark
June 11th 1866

Respectfully forwarded to
Bvt Maj Gen J.W. Sprague.
Asst. Com. B.R.F.&c.
That the property is occupied by
O. C. Ward. & that no rents
have been collected since Nov
1865.

(Sgd) D. L. Greenleaf
Act Supt B.R.F.&A.

Office Supt B.R.F.& A.Le.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 18th 1866.

Fort Smith Ark
June 23 1866

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Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abd Lands
For the States of Mo. Ark & Ind Ter'y
Office of Asst Com.
Little Rock Ark May 18th 1866

(120)

Maj Jas T. Watson
Gen. Supt &c.
Major.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th asking information relative to, and defining the powers of the Bureau under the "Civil Rights Bill"

I am directed by the Asst Com. to reply that the effect of the "Civil Rights Bill" is to place the Freedmen under the laws of the State, so far as protection and punishment are concerned, the same as if they were white, and it makes it the duty of Civil officers, under severe penalties to so to apply the said laws to the Freedmen.

It will therefore readily appear to you, that many if not all cases requiring judicial action, can be turned over to the Civil Courts for trial, and that the duties of the Supt. will be in this regard - merely, to see that the Freedmen receives a fair trial, or in other words that the law is impartially applied to his case, by the magistrate and to report any discrimination against the Freedmen.

It does not follow from this that Supts are prohibited from "hearing and determining Cases" as heretofore. There may be circumstances in which the State laws, framed without reference to the present state of affairs would fail to secure justice to the Freedmen and here the Supt by the Military Authority of the Bureau can act under Gen. Howards Circular No "3" 4th Par 1866 being guided by the laws of the State in analagous Cases.

It is presumed however that action under this head will rarely ever be necessary.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) O. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Gen.

Official Copy
(Sgd) O. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Gen

Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark
June 13 /66

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Sir

I have the honor to state that Pvt. Sheldon Watson Co. "G" 67" U.S.C.I. is now a convalescent in the Post Hospital and seems to be able for duty. If you could possibly let me have him. I would Respectfully as to have him detailed as orderly

Very Respectfully
Your Obed't Serv't
Lyon J. Geisreiter
Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt-B.R.F.&A.&c,
Fort Smith Ark
June 13th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith joint application for restoration of property belonging to Dr Nicholas Spring & his Wife & Pauline Spring with necessary proofs. I have not collected back rents on the property but have demanded the same the parties object to paying back rents and plead as an excuse that Chaplain Springer when he turned over the property returned some rents already collected and that they would have made application then had the Supt deemed it necessary

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) S Geisreiter
Asst Supt-B.R.F.&A.&c.

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Asst Q.M. B.R.F.&A.
Fort Smith

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Office Supt B R & Trade
Fort Smith Ark
June 11 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit an application for restoration of property belonging to C. C. Ward of Fort Smith Ark.
The decree of the Court specifying that an oath of Amnesty was exhibited and approved by said Court. I deemed it unnecessary to exact another from him The party objects to paying rents on the grounds that he would have made an application at once had Chaplain Springer deemed it necessary

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Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F'd & L.

Bureau R F & A L
Mo Ark Office Chief Q M
Little Rock Ark
June 7th 1866

Lieut S Geisreiter
Supt Bureau R F & A L.,
Fort Smith Ark

Lieut

I have the honor to return herewith your accounts for the Month of May 1866 for correction. Vouchers 1, 2, & 3 Abstract B. are entered on the abstract incorrectly

Verry Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) H. Skinner
Capt & A Q M

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Office Supt. B.R.F.&A.Ls,
Fort Smith Ark
June 11th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit application of Wm. J. R. Kennedy Administrator of the Estate of Rebecca Barling and Rebecca Gookin both deceased. The case being a peculiar one I respectfully submit the enclosed documents with the statement that I have not been able to collect any back rents as the property is in the possession of the heirs of the Estates who claim that the property never was abandoned and hence no rents are due

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Supt B.R.F.&A.Ls

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A. L.
For the States of Mo & Ark
Little Rock Ark
June 1866

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Capt Thos J Noel
Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark
Captain

It is reported that there are some Cases of extreme suffering for want of food in some of the western Counties of the State whom you have reliable information that such cases exist you are authorized to afford temporary relief by issueing from Govt Subsistance stores at Fort Smith Supplies for this purpose will be sent to Ozark in Cargo of an Officer of this Bureau for distribution to the destitute in that vicinity

Respectfully &c
(Sgd) J. M. Sprague
Bvt Maj & Asst Com.

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Office Supt B. R. & K. W. Ry.
Fort Smith Ark
June 16 1866

Sir

I have the honor to state that I am in need of the following blanks and would respectfully request that a supply of the same be furnished this office before the close of the Month

Blank Forms No 8 Report of Persons & articles
" " " 78" Account Current
" " " 75" Abstract B.
" " " 22 Vouchers to abstract B.
" " " 22 a a sury Vouchers to abstract
" " Monthly Report of Schools

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sd) S Geisreiter
Sub Supt B R & K W Ry

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S C Hayden & M Sprague
Fort Smith & Fort
Little Rock Ark

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Weekly Report of
Sick & Wounded Ref. & Freedmen
Remarks

Would respectfully ask for instructions as to what I shall do with Refugees & Freedmen who have Small Pox or Variloid - as by Order of Surg Jos R. Smith U. S. A. no more of these Classes are Received into the post Hospitals here. Several during the past week were laying around the City - one out in the Street - as the City or County Authorities would do nothing. I was Compelled to borrow a Couple of Hospl. Tents from Asst Surg Herbert U. S. A. and for the present am running a Small Pox Hospital of my own. Something must be done soon in the premises

Respt Jos S. C. Rowland
A. A. Surg U. S. A

Office Supt A R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark
June 16th 1866

Respectfully Forwarded
to Bvt Maj Gen J W Sprague
Asst Com B R F & A L.
Mo Ark & Indian Terry
Little Rock
Ark.
(Sgd) A. Geisweiter
Lieut Supt B R F & A L

Bureau R F & A L.
Little Rock Ark June 22nd 1866

Respectfully returned with the remark that as the same report was forwarded direct by Dr Rowland to Dr H. M. Lailly Surg in Chief at this H. Q. 2nd Military Dist Dept and need not be forwarded
By order Bvt Maj Gen J. W. Sprague
(Sgd) Lieut E. Layden C Clerk

Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark June 18th 1866

A. Edmundson Esq
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

You will please call at this Office at your earliest Convenience on business of importance

Respectfully
(Sgd) [illegible]
Asst Supt (B R F & A L

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
June 20th 1866

Lt. J. H. F. Main
Fort Smith Ark

Dr.

Lewis Moore (Cola)

desires me to notify you that a certain Mr Geiger has been taking timber off the place rented by Lewis Moore from you, that he has warned Mr. Geiger repeatedly not to do so, telling him that the same belonged to you, and that Mr. Geiger paid no attention, but remarked that "he received no orders from Black Men." that there is now a lot of timber, ready (he supposes) which Mr Geiger purposes hauling off as soon as the water recedes.

Respectfully
(Sgd) Geo. Reister
Asst Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

Monthly Report of (Cola) Schools
Office Gen'l Supt of F. Schools
Little Rock Ark. June 7/66

Respectfully Returned to Asst Geisseiter Supt B.R.F.&A.L. with the request that he cause the blanks to be filled and in notes a. b & c do be carefully filled. No blank is to be changed. all should be filled. if there is no note or answer to insert placed a (—) or a (-0-) in the blank.

(Sgd) Wm. M. Colby
Supt of Schools

Office Supt B.R.F.
Fort Smith June 16

Respectfully ret. to Supt Gen'l of Colby with the Statement that the Schools are filled as required. Both schools are attended alike [illegible] as [illegible] of School, rec'd [illegible] tuition [illegible]

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Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

(181.) Office Supt B R F & Lds. R S

Fort Smith Ark June 16th 1866

Sir

I have the honor to Mate[illegible] accounts in this Office are remaining unpaid by reason of Capt Abel not receiving the sum of money asked for by him in a letter dated April 20th 1866 a copy of which is herewith enclosed. One Hundred and Fifty Dollars will suffice to pay the same $150.00

The amount called for in my Estimate for June 265.00

Total amount necessary 415.00

I would most respectfully ask that the amount be remitted in time to arrive at this Office before the close of the month

Very Respfully
Your Obt Servt

(Sgd) [illegible]
Act Supt B, R, F & Ls.

Office Supt B. R. F & L & Ds.
Fort Smith Ark.

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Office Asst. Surg. U.S.A.
Fort Smith Ark. June 21st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to State that Mr. Cornelius Eagan formerly a Soldier in Capt Newlands Co. "B" 2d U.S. Cav. was discharged the 18th day of June 1865 while the command was in New Mexico on account of disability, and now Claims to be entitled to pension. he further States that he employed "Bennet & Hermenway" of St. Louis Mo. to make out & forward the necessary documents, to secure said pension about the 15th day of May 1866. that he has written them several times to "Bennet & Hermenway" but can get no satisfaction from them.

I would respectfully ask in his behalf whether the Claim has been allowed. & if not, for the necessary instructions to enable him to secure the same

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A. Contract Surg
Asst Surgeon U.S.A.

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Office Supt. B.R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. June 23rd 1866

Capt. John Tyler 2nd U.S.C. (155)
Claim Louis in B.R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Sir!

I have the honor to State that Miranda Lewis (petitioner) enlisted in Co "F" 113th Col'd Infantry Oct 13th 1863 - James Cox in Company "A" 113th Colored Infty Mar. 16th/64 & Irving Morgan Co. "F" 113th Colored Infty June 12th/64, they were discharged April 9th/66 & Claim that they have not Received any bounty, State that they were Slaves and do not know whether they were enrolled and subject to draft - I am instructed to ask, I would respectfully ask for information whether negroes were ever enrolled & subject to draft in this State & if so, for your opinion as to whether the above named soldiers are entitled to bounty or not -

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Serv't
S. Geismeier
Lt & Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

Bvt Maj. U.S.A.
Claim Louis
Little Rock 2nd July 66

Respectfully returned under existing laws the parties mentioned within would not be entitled to any bounty except they were at the time of their enlistment actually enrolled & subject to draft in the State where they enlisted. & as the most ignorant in the Country were generally well informed of the fact when they were enrolled & subject to draft &c. it is inferred that when a Claimant does not know and cannot swear to the fact that he was actually enrolled &c. & it seems just to infer that they are not entitled to any bounty.

Obd't John Tyler
Bvt Maj. U.S.A.
In Charge of Office.

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Office Supt. B.R.F.L. & A.L.
Ft. Smith Ark. June 21st/66

Van Buren Ark
June 17th 1866

Perkins R. P.

Answers. Lt. S. Geisreiter's Communication relative to Abd Property at Van Buren States that his loyalty was never doubted & that he does not propose to give himself the trouble of coming to Ft. Smith. Asks to be paid rents for the use of the property

Respectfully Returned
Mr. R.P. Perkins
Van Buren Ark with the information that the property being in the possession of this Bureau cannot be restored to owner unless an application be forwarded to Asst Comm'r at Little Rock through this Office setting forth all the facts necessary to enable the Asst Comm'r to decide at once. You will enclose with application proof of title & proof of loyalty. The application and proofs must be sworn to before the Clerk of the County Court of Crawford Co. Please attend to the same at once.

S. Geisreiter
Lt & Supt B.R.F.L. & A.L.

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Treasury Dept.
Third Auditors Office
May 19th 1866.

No 134

Sir

Your Bureau R. F. & A. L. accounts for the Month of April 1866., have been received at this Office

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) A. M. Gayeasie
For Auditor

(Sgd) Capt Thos J Abel
Little Rock
Ark

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Chief Q. M. Office.
Little Rock Ark June 20/66

No 126

Lt. L. Lesseiter.
Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of this office of the following Returns from your for the Month of May 1866.
Form - Form No 10. Account Current Abstract (Form No 13), with five (5) Vouchers, and abstract of Persons & Articles hired. (Form No 2) One Copy. I have forwarded to John Wilson Esq 3rd Auditor U. S. Treasury. and the other C. Q. M. Gen. O. O. Howard Comr. at Washington D. C.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) H. Skinner
Capt & Chief Q. M.

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No. 132

Fort Smith Ark
June 23rd 1866

Office Supt B R F & A L.
June 27th 1866
Respectfully forwarded
to Bvt Maj Gen J B Sprague
Asst Comr B R F & A L.
Mo Arpk & Ind Terry
Little Rock Ark

S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

Rowland A. A. Surg Jos. of C.

Transmits Reports of Sick & Wounded Refugees & Freedmen for the Week ending June 23rd 1866. Invites the attention of the Supt to the large increase of sickness & gives his opinion as to the cause to be recent overflows & the use of very green fruit

No. 132

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark June 26/66

Sir

I have the honor to enclose a Certificate of Lt. J. Wilson 11th U.S.C.I. in behalf of Sgt Thos Banner a Col. of his Co. "E" 11th Regt. This certificate was given by Lt Lilges to the Mother of Col Banner. She now wishes to ascertain whether her Son is alive or dead & if dead such other information as would enable her to Collect his back Pay & bounty. Can you furnish me with a Copy of the descriptive List?

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

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Application of
Lewis L. Wheeler Administrator
of the Estate of Jas. P. Spring
dec'd for the restoration of
Lot 7 & 8 Block 21 City of
Fort Smith recorded on
the books of the Bureau
as the property of
Unknown Owner.

Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. June 26
Respectfully forwarded
Bvt. Maj. Gen. J. W. Sprag
Asst. Comr. with the state
that the property so not
used by the Bureau
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F.

Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 2nd/66

Maj. Gen. W. Barchard
Asst. Comr. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to state
that the bearer Peter Spencer (Cold) was severely injured
by the Mate of the St. "American" Jerry Watkins who
arraigned & tried before a Justice of the Peace at this pla
The jury returned a verdict of Guilty & fined Wat
$30.00 & Costs. Spencer now claims damages for
time lost & for the injury sustained his witnesses ar
on the boat. I have tried to get the matter adjus
here, but there is no lawyer that is willing to under
it as they seem to be afraid of public opinion & los
practice and consequence. The nature of the case be
of considerable importance. I take the liberty to
send the man to you for further counsel.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd) S. Geisreiter
Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

No 141 Office Supt B R F & A Le.
Fort Smith Ark July 2nd 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit my Estimates of Funds & Rations required for the Month of July 1866.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Supt B R F & A Le.

Office Supt B R F & A Le.
No 142 Fort Smith Ark July 5th 1866

Genl M. McKeever
Dear Sir.

This Colored man Johnson Boyd, states that his life has been threatened by a certain Roland, please hear his statement & protect him as far possible. Much Complaint is being made by the Colored people at the present time & I sincerely hope that the Civil Authorities will do all in their power to check those lawless individuals in their infamous Career.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Supt B R F & A Le.

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(No 143)

Office Asst. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark July 3rd/66

Sir

I have the honor to state that Peter Spencer Freedmen - was employed on the Str "American" & while coming to Fort Smith the mate of the boat Jerry Watkins struck him in the face. Peter Spencer has since been unable to work from the effects of the blow, & suffered much in consequence After the boat arrived at Fort Smith, he made Complaint to this Office, & was referred by the Supt to Col E. J. Searle, the prosecuting attorney of this Co. who caused a warrant to be issued by Justice Edmondson against Jerry Watkins, for assault & Battery., The case was tried by a jury of twelve "men citizens of this place, & a verdict rendered of "Guilty", fining the accused thirty dollars & Costs, Peter Spencer now Claims damages for time lost, Doctors bill etc., but is unable to Commence a Suit in a civil Court. because he cant give the required security.

Thus the poor man is debarred from Justice. I consider from what I know of of the case that he is justly entitled to wages from the time he left Little Rock. up to date, & also to damage for injuries sustained, but under existing Circumstances do not Consider myself authorized to prosecute the Case. I would respectfully ask the opinion of the Asst. Comr, in this & analagous Cases, The man is here & the case can be prosecuted at any time.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
J. Geisreiter
1st Lieut 3d U.S. Infantry
Comdg Co. B, R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

See Pays 9t

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 1st 1866

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Sir. No 174.

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Returns for the Month of June 1866 Viz:-

Report of Changes in Abd Lands Orig & Copy
Form No "2" Report of Persons & Articles in Duplicate
" " 10 Account Current
" " "22" Issues Vouchers in Triplicate to be
approved by the Asst. Com. & returned to this
Office for payment by the Supt on receipt
of Funds

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt & Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 1st 1866

Sir No 175

I have the honor to transmit herewith Five applications for the restoration of Abd Lands.

None of the property is under the immediate Control of the "Bureau" by reason therein set forth

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

Col
Comdg Dist of
Ark
Little Rock

Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 6th 1866

Sir (No 1764)

I have the honor to transmit herewith Triplicate Receipts for the amounts of Four Hundred & Fifteen Dollars ($415.) Wish I had received the same before the Close of June but as the case now Stands I purpose paying the accounts as soon as the Vouchers are apparoved by the Gen. & returned. Should any of the Vouchers be disapproved it will not effect my Cash Papers for June.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lieut Supt B R F (E) Ab.

To
Lieut Col F E Whittlesey
Asst Adjt Genl

Office Sup 26

Bureau R F. & A Lb.
Mo Ark & Ind Ter.
Little Rock Ark July 10/66

Respectfully Returned
Cannot the Supt obtain
the security for the men or
become such security himself?
the risk cannot be heavy.

By Order of
Bt. Maj Genl J. W Sprague
D. K. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl

Office Asst. B.R.F.E) 11th

Fort Smith Ark. July 1st 1866

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Reports for the Month of June 1866. Viz:

Monthly Report of Ref. Single) Copy.
" " " Freedmen do

The same were ready to be forwarded the 1st inst but Dr. Rowland being sick could not furnish his report until to-day — hence the delay.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt & Supt B.R.F.E. & A.L.

No 148

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Claim Division
Little Rock Ark. July 3rd 1866

Circular Letter

Sir

I am directed to inform you first- the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury has decided that in all cases when Fathers who have been slaves make Claims for arrears of pay & Bounty on account of their deceased sons, evidence is required showing whether the father & mother were slaves of the same Master & lived on the same plantation. If they lived upon different plantations and were slaves of different Masters, a Claim in favor of the father will in no case be allowed & should be made out in favor of the Mother, if they lived upon the same plantation and were slaves of the same masters. The fathers Claim will be allowed. This decision is understood to be based on the fact that when husband and wife lived upon separate plantations and were slaves of separate Masters the Children went with the Mother, who had the entire care and support of them and the father cannot be regarded as having borne any of the responsibilities or having assumed any of the duties of a parent

Please notify such Officers as forwarded Claims to this Office of the foregoing ruling

Very Reply
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) John Tyler
Capt 2nd U. S. Corps

pd Div Adjt
Genl

No 142) Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
Office, Chief Q. M.
Little Rock Janu 29. 1866

Lt. L. Gerseiter
Supt R. F. & A. Le.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith Check on Asst Treas. U. S. at St Louis Mo. for Four hundred & fifteen dollars ($415.00) also enclosed Duplicate receipts for Forage, which you will please sign & return as soon as possible

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obed Servt
H. Stimmel
Capt A Q M.

You can get this Check Cashed at the Bank or any of the Merchants. They will be glad to get it.

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(No 150)

Office Supt. B.R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. June 30th 1866.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following as my Monthly Report of Business transactions during the Month of June 1866.

The

No. of Refugees to whom rations have been issued / /
" " Freedmen " " " " " "

	Total	1 1 6
" Refugees under Medical treatment	=	148 =
" Freedmen " " "	=	132 =
	Total	= 280 =
" rations issued to Refugees		2,309
" " " " Freedmen		90
	Total	2,399
Cash. Value of rations issued to Refugees	$	294.32
" " " " " " Freedmen	$	11.54
	Total $	305.86

The Sanitary Supplies received during the Month Consist of 76 Sacks of Corn & 2 Sacks of beans the same is being distributed as occasion requires Pursuent to instructions contained in your letter of June 7th 1866. and since the Capt Abel I have extended the issue of rations & am happy to know that much actual suffering has been ameliorated. I am informed by reliable men that there is a great Scarcity of food in Counties South of this & the wheat Crop is said to be an entire failure. but the Corn fields promise and abundant Harvest and I trust that again the 1st of August there will be no necessity for Govt Issues in this Dist.

The two Colored Schools taught here are about to close for the Summers Vacation. A strong desire is manifested by the Freedmen to have a good School here in the Fall.

Civil Officials are loth about admitting negro testimony against the whites they claim that the Code of the State of Arkansas is their guide until Officially informed of existing Changes in the laws by the Governor. Negros have obtained judgments against whites but invariably on the testimony of white persons.

Col E. J. Searle the prosecuting Atty of this County is a truly loyal man & will promptly prosecute all Criminal Cases under the "Civil Rights Bill"

I am doing all in my power to Clear up the Subject of Abd. Seands. But the absence of parties from the City & other hindrances has thus far Caused delays, in forwarding applications for restorations by the parties interested, all things taken into Consideration I am flattered with the State of affairs in this District & sincerely hope that my labors will meet with the approval of the Asst Commissioner.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt. 1st Regt U.S.C.T. & A.L.

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No. 151

Office Supt. B.R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 11th /66

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Consolidated Monthly Reports of Freedmens Schools, and would respectfully State that I Could not forward the same at an earlier date by reason of not having the proper blanks.

Very Respectfully
Your Obd Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.&A.L.

Lt D. M. Colby
Superintendent of Freedmen
Little Rock

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No. (152)

Collins & Lanigan
Jobbers in Dry Goods Groceries & General Merchandise
Fort Smith Ark. July 12/66

Sir

We are this morning in receipt of your Communication of the 5th Inst in relation to a certain Andy Barlow at present in our employ feeding Cattle and will agreeable to your Instructions retain the wages due him & hold the same Subject to your order.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) Collins & Lanigan

Lieut S. Geisreiter
Supt. B.R.F.& A.Le.

No 158 Office Supt B.R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 12th. 1866

Sir.

I have the honor to request that you furnish me if possible with official Copies of the following documents — tohwit —

Circulars, No 6, & 7, C.S. War Dept. B.R.F.& A.L.
"Civil Rights Bill"
Homestead Bill approved June 21st 1866
Act of Congress relative to allowing Colored Soldiers the same bounties as whites

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

No 159 Office Supt B.R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 6th 1866

Capt. Secretary of War
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Official Copies of a Voucher for Stationery & Stamps & for work. Also two Receipts and would respectfully request that the same be approved & payment ordered

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.& A.L.

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Janly 17th 1866

No 105

Lt Frank. P. Cook
Supt B R F. & A L.
Fayetteville Ark.

Lt

I have the honor
to respectfully forward Duplicate Copies of
restoration of property belonging to Mrs.
Madeline W. Bell of Fayetteville Ark.
having opened the letter containing the same
by mistake

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

105 Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Janly 17 1866

Owen Flowers
Esq.

Sir.

I would respectfully
inform you that Complaint is entered against
you at this office, by one Peter Williams Col-
who claims the amount of ten dollars. from
you and says that you refuse to pay the same
You will therefore appear at this Office at
your earliest convenience & pay the same
or satisfy the Supt. by good evidence that you
do not owe the debt

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B R F & A L

Office Supt B. R. F. & A. Le
Fort Smith Ark. July 21st 1866

Lt. R. P. Perkins

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your signature an application for Pen. Sprague for the restoration of your property. You will please complete & return the same to this office at your earliest convenience. The affidavit of Mr. Phelps & Miller is all right also proof of title & I shall forward the application & Vouchers as soon as completed by you

Very Respectfully
S. Geiger
Lt Supt B R F & A L.

Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
Chief Qr. Mrs Office
Little Rock Ark. July 11th 1866

Lieut S. Geiger
Supt &c Fort Smith Ark.

(No 157)

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt at this office of the following Returns from you for the Month of June 1866 - Viz:-

Form No 10. - Cash Current
Form No 2. Report of Persons & Articles
in duplicate One Copy of which I have forwarded to John Wilson Esq. 3rd Auditor of U. S. Treasury & the other to Maj Gen O. O. Howard Comr at Washington D. C.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) H. Skinner
Capt & Chief Qr Mr
B R F & A L.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Office Asst Com.
Little Rock Ark. July 8th 1866

(No 158)

Lieut S. Geisreiter
Supt & Pro. Mar.
Fort Smith. Ark

Lieut:

The Asst Com'r directs me to call your attention to the fact, that your June Monthly Report of rations issued to Refugees and Freedmen, has not yet been received at this Office and in consequence, our Reports to Genl Howard are delayed

He desires you to forward this Report at the earliest possible moment.

By Order of
Bt Maj Gen. J. W. Sprague
(Sig) George B. Drayton
Chief Clerk.

No 159

Office Supt. B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 23rd 1866

Maj J Connelly
A.A.

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to request as a favor that you issue on these tickets to parties recommended as truly loyal and they living at a distance of Eighty miles I would like to see them get back as soon as possible & have dated the tickets today & will furnish a separate return. Should you wish the dates different please let me know

Very Respectfully
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R & A L

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Office Asst. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 31st 1866

No 160

General

I have the honor to transmit herewith Estimate of Rations in duplicate, required during the month of August 1866. The purpose being governed by Circular No 20. in the future unless otherwise directed by you. The corn crop is sufficiently advanced in this district to supply Meal into a month ago were entirely destitute of food

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt & Asst B R F & A L

No 161

Office Asst. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 25th 1866

Wm England
Esq

Sir

I am informed that you claim as your right-ful property a certain pony now in the hands of Isaac Kemp. (Colored) I would respectfully inform you that the man Kemp claims to have bought this pony in presence of Competent witnesses from the owner of the same (a man from Texas) prior to his crossing the river & that he Kemp. paid the amount of $20.00 for the pony. Now if you insist, on getting the pony we will have to try the rights of property

I desire that you take action at once in the matter and have it settled or forever relinquish all claim upon the pony

Please let me know what you purpose doing

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Asst Supt B R F & A L

In Case you claim by virtue of this power of Atty

the pony referred to will be delivered to Wm England.

No 162 Office Supt B R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark July 24th 1866

General:

I have the honor to request a supply of the following Blanks. Viz:

Report of Refugees & Freedmen
Report of Abandoned Lands
Form No "22" Vouchers
Form No "10" Account Current
Form No "13" Abstract "B"
Monthly Report of Schools

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
[illegible]
Supt B R F & A L

No 163 Office Supt B R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark July 26 1866

Wm. Cooper:

Dear Sir:

Under existing Circumstances I cannot render a decision without a regular trial I therefore appoint tomorrow at 2 O.C.P.M. at which time you & Wm Cooper are required to present at this Office. Bring any witnesses you may desire.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisweiter
Lt Supt B R F & A

The above was disposed of without a trial

No 164 Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. July 25 1866

Lt. Maj Gen. J. W. Sprague
Asst Com B.R.F. & A.L.

Sir I have the honor to transmit herewith an application for the restoration of the property A.W. Peters of Van Buren Ark.

This is the last application to be forwarded all the other Abandoned property having been restored per Special Order from your Office

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark July 25th 1866.

No 165

Capt John Pope A.A.G. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Capt I have the honor to request that you furnish me a Copy of the List of Negroes Appointed June 5 or 15th Mustering Colored Soldiers the same Gentlemen as white Soldiers.

I have many applications for bounty by discharged Soldiers who have found out that such are not law passed but not knowing the provision of the same Cannot make out the necessary papers.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug 1st 66

Bvt Maj. Genl J. W. Sprague
Asst Com. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. Ark.

General:

I have the honor to transmit for your approval My Estimate of Funds for Month of August 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
1st Lieut Supt B R F & A L

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Office Supt B R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark Aug. 1st 1866

Capt Jno Tyler
Chief Inspector
Little Rock Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of (20) Twenty blank forms No "5" for the use of Officers forwarding Claims for Colored Soldiers

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
1st Supt B R F & A L

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Office Supt B.R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug 1st 66

Bt Maj Genl J.W. Sprague
Asst Comr B.R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

General:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Reports & Returns for the Month of July 1866

Monthly Report of Lands Lying & Offg.
" " Moneys & Articles in Duplicate
Account Current with Abstracts & Vouchers
in Duplicate. Also.
Four Vouchers in Duplicate to be approved by the Asst Comr, & returned to this Office to be paid by Disbl Off on receipt of Funds

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.& A.L.

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Office Supt B.R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug. 2nd 1866

Bvt Maj. Genl J.W. Sprague
Asst Comr B.R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

General:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the following Reports for the Month of July 1866 Viz.
One Monthly Report of Refugees Single Copy
One Monthly Report of Freedmen do do

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B.R.F.& A.L.

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 2nd/66

Lt Wm Colby
Supt of Freedmens Schools for Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that the schools at Fort Smith having vacation no Report can be made out by me for July 1866. If possible I should like to see a good school organization in the fall by a competent Teacher. There will be some difficulty in procuring suitable rooms. I would be pleased to see the cause of education more prosperous among the Freedmen of my District & respectfully solicit your assistance in the matter

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
H Geisreiter
Lt Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug 1st 66

Maj. Genl. J. H. Sprague
Asst Comm'r B. R. F. & A. L.
Genl.

I have the honor to state that I have forwarded all of my Reports & Returns except the Report of Refugees & Freedmen & the Manuscript Report both of which I will forward immediatly after receiving the Report of Sick & Wounded Refugees and Freedmen from Dr Jno. J. C. Rowland

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt
H Geisreiter
Lt Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark July 31st 66

Bvt. Maj. Genl. O. H. Sprague
Supt. Comsr. B.R.F. & A.L.
Genl

I have the honor to submit the following as my Monthly Report of business transacted during the Month of July 1866.

No. of Refugees to whom rations have been issued is		115
" Freedmen	"	31
	Total	146
No of Refugees under Medical Treatment		90
" Freedmen do		119
	Total	209
No of Rations issued to Refugees	2205	
" " Freedmen	615	
Total	2820	
Cash Value of Rations issued to Refugees		$ 281.16
" " Freedmen		78.41
	Total	359.57

I have not been able to reduce the number of issues but little from that of last month. In all cases where I was at all doubtful of the truthfulness of the applicants Statement, I exacted an affidavit as prescribed in Capt Abels Circular No 2, dated Fort Smith Ark April 25th 1866, a copy of which I will enclose herewith.

The Sanitary Supplies on hand from last month consisting of a small quantity of Corn and Beans have all been distributed to worthy parties.

Abandoned Lands in the counties of Sebastian & Crawford have all been restored to the rightful owners or their agents, per Special Orders from your office, with the exception of one House & Lot in Van Buren the property of Mr. R. P. Perkins, who has forwarded an application for its restoration with necessary vouchers through this office the 25th day of July 1866

There are a number of widows here who have large families dependent upon them. They are destitute of every thing except what little they can earn by working for others which is barely enough to keep them while in health, in case of sickness to which there is a great deal at present, they are thrown upon public charity for support. (Over)

Six contracts for labor have been approved by me during the the month

I have disposed of one case under Circular No 19 Ex. A certain Andy Harlan (Freedmen) being under contract to Mr L. H. Mozengo concluded he could do better somewhere else & left his employer without just cause. Mr. Mozengo procured a certificate from this office which was duly honored by Collins and Lanigan who had employed the delinquent Freedmen. Andy Harlan being fully apprised of the transaction returned to Mr Mozengo & I am informed has since proven himself to be the hand on the plantation.

Freedmen in this District are anxious to take advantage of Maj. Gen. Howards Circular No 7, but many have not sufficient means to make a commencement

I would most respectfully invite your attention to the subject of education. The two schools formerly kept here are now closed. No arrangements have as yet been made for a school during the coming Autumn and Winter. I should be pleased to see one organized by a competent teacher but the freedmen are not able to defray expenses and unless assisted from some source will be deprived of its benefits

The Civil Authorities have thus far manifested a willingness to cooperate with me in administering justice to Freedmen but as nearly all the Magistrates are Men of Southern Sympathies Vigilance on the part of the Superintendent is necessary in order to enable the Freedmen to obtain redress when a a white man is the offending party

Respectfully submitted

S. Geisreiter

A. Supt B. R. F & A. L.

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Fort Smith Ark
Aug 8th 1866

S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt &c
Cmdg
Post

The bearer bought a yoke of Cattle of Capt Peck C.
about the first of March 1865

The cattle were purchased by the government
from those who captured them from the enemy as per order of
Genl Thayer cmdg the Dist at that time

Many of the cattle
became unfit for Beef while they were left in the slaughter pen
and were turned out to feed - and the money so received was deducted
from the pay of those selling the cattle (as they were in no
instance during Capt Pecks Administration paid for before the
drove was disposed of

Your Truly
(Signed) C. V. Drake

P.S.
The cattle were considered to have been captured from the enemy by our Troops

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Office Supt B. R. F. & L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 8th 1866

Wm. F. Wm. Stewart Sugar Loaf Township
Sir:

From the representation made by your friends J. M. Douglas & Jos D.
Pickington I find that you have been so unfortunate as to lose your steers. Please
refer to the enclosed copy of letter from Pvt C. V. Drake on duty as Clerk in the G. M. Dept
These steers seem to be property captured from the enemy & no Justice or other
civil Tribunal has any right to molest you in the possession
of such property. Your only course is to notify the Justice who rendered
the judgement of the same who must restore to you the steers. Should
he refuse to do so & you cannot get possession of your property otherwise you
will make application to Bvt. Lt. Col. C. H. Barnard 1st Inf Cmdg Post
of Fort Smith who will attend to the matter promptly under Genl Grants
Order No 3 of 1865

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter Lt Supt &c

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Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug 11th/66

Lewis Moore

Sir:

You are hereby notified that complaint has been entered against you by Sam Shepran colrd who says that you refuse to give up his boy & horse that belongs to him. You will render the necessary explanation to this office at your earliest convenience

Respectfully
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L. Mo. & Ark.
Little Rock Ark
August 4th 1866

Lieut S. Geisreiter
Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded to you by this mail a supply of blank forms No 2, 10 & 22. You will not require any Ab. Bs (No. 13) as all disbursements in the future will be made in this Office in accordance with Circular No 9 of Maj Gen. Howard

Vouchers will be made monthly for Clerk hire and Office Rent and sent here for payment The receipt to be left blank except amt in the vouchers

I am Lieut.
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) H. Skinner
Capt & A. A. Gn.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark Aug 7th 1866

Lt S Geisreiter
Supt Bur R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith your Acct Current for the month of July 1866 for correction. Abstract B. is entered on the Account Current incorrectly

I am Lieut.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd) H Skinner
Capt & A. Q. M.

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug 18th

Capt H. Skinner A.Q.M.
Little Rock Ark

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Account Current with Abstract B in Duplicate for the month of July 1866 I have made the necessary corrections in the same

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A L

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Fort Smith Ark.
Aug. 2nd 1866

To the Freedmen in the employ of
Wm. L. Cabell Esqr

The Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

on duty in this Dist. upon the request of your employer hereby informs you that the story afloat of a public festival to be given at this place is not true, that no such a project is at all contemplated by anyone, and that it is an entirely false report.

The Supt. is also called upon to explain to you the nature of the contract voluntarily entered into by you with your employer, the same having once been read to you and no doubt fully explained at the time, he wants to caution you against the evil of getting careless and indifferent in the performance of your duty. Remember you have agreed to render good and faithful service, to work 26 days in each month, and that from sunrise to sunset was to constitute a days work, all of which conditions you must fully comply with or abide the consequences.

If you do that which is right, work dilligently, save your earnings, practice strict economy in every thing, and all will be well.

The practice of carrying pistols while at work is productive of no good but much evil, can not be tolerated; should any of you be guilty of this it is the order of the Supt. to have you quit it at once, and your employer is hereby authorised to take such measures as will put a complete stop to the matter.

The Supt., being desirous to see you fairly on the road to prosperity, sends this letter to you with his best wishes for your happiness, and the future welfare of your race.

S. Geisreiter
Ass Supt B R & A L

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Office B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 2nd 1866

This is to certify that the following named Freedmen are under contract to work for W.L. Cabell Esq. from Feb. 1st. 1866. until Decr. 25th 1866.

Dan. Pennington
John Henry
Randall Byrd

And whereas the above named Freedmen having left their Employer without just cause they will forfeit all wages earned by them during the time they persist in the violation of their contract. All persons employing the said Freedmen, knowing them to be under contract to labor for W.L. Cabell, must pay the full wages earned by them to the said W.L. Cabell.

S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug 2nd 1866.

W.L. Cabell Esq.

Sir I have the honor to transmit the enclosed certificate. You will cause the parties to be notified at your earliest convenience in order that they may be fully apprised of its provisions.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 2nd 1866

Mr. Jno. Wilder

Sir

Mrs. Jane Lee Colord. represents to me that you agreed to settle a small debt owing to her by one Jno. Smith. You will therefor satisfy the account at your earliest convenience or measures will be taken to insure its speedy collection from the proper party.

Respectfully
S. Gerlter
St. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 2nd 1866

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Lt. Wm. Colby
Supt. of Schools
State of Arkansas

Sir

I have the honor to state that in consequence of the Schools at Fort Smith having vacation, no report can be made out by me for July 1866. If possible I should like to see a good school organized in the fall by a competent teacher There will be some difficulty in procuring suitable rooms. I would be pleased to see the cause of education more prosper among the Freedmen of my District and respectfully solicit your assistance in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. Gerlter
St. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

~~Office Supt. B. R. J. & A. L.~~
Fort Smith Ark. Aug 4th 1866.

To

John Howard, Judge of the County Court of Sebastian County Ark. and his assistant-Justices.

Wheras: upon my own view and the information of others I feel fully authorized to say to you that one Wm. Elure is, from infirmity by being subject to fits, and that I would suppose that he is unable to support himself. and has no estate of his own to support himself on. and that I do verily believe him to be a pauper, and your early attention to this is earnestly solicited by

Your Obt. Servt
(Signed) S. Edmondson
Justice of the Peace

Office Supt B. R. J. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug 6. '66

Mrs Elizabeth Nichols

Madam:

Complaint having been made to this Office by Violet Walker, Colord who states that your daughter Miss Sallie Nichols in company with Miss Ella Bamm came to her house yesterday evening, went into the garden and wantonly destroyed a lot of Water Melons. The damage caused is probably but a trifle, but the manner in which it was committed reflects heavily upon the young ladies. I trust you will take such measures as to prevent a similar occurrence in the future, and thereby assist in establishing good will and harmony among all classes of our population. also notified Mr. Bamm

Very Respectfully
your Obt Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B. R. J. & A. L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug 13, 1866

Judge Jno. Howard
Sebastian County Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to notify you that the issue of rations from this office to resident Paupers has ceased and that it now devolves upon the City and County Authorities to provide for the few who cannot get along without aid.
There is one man by the name of McClure in this City who needs immediate attention.
I am informed that you have full authority to act in the matter. Please do so at once.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug 17, 1866

To Whom It May Concern.

The Supt. B.R.F. & A.L. hereby notifies all persons that Maria Cravens (Col'd.) is not to be molested in the peaceful possession of a certain Plank Cabin now occupied by herself. Any person considering himself agrieved by this order will apply to the Superintendent for redress.

S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 18th. 1866

Supt. Orphans Home
Little Rock Ark.

Sir

Permit me to call your attention to Major Jacoway (Col'd.), a blind boy about 10 years old, an orphan, without relatives or friends to take care of him,
I would recommend him to the charity of the Orphans Home.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 10th 1866.

Sir

The enclosed advertisement of Circular No 22 dated Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the States of Missouri, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. Office Asst Commissioner Little Rock Arkansas May 23rd 1866. has been sent to the following newspapers for publication:
In the Ft. Smith weekly New Era, one insertion
The only papers on the official list which I have seen in circulation here among regular subscribers is the St. Louis Mo. "Democrat" and its circulation is small. I therefore had it inserted in the "New Era" on account of its being a far better organ to give the required publicity in Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory west: and the condition with Publisher, that he assumed the risk of the rejection of his account.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

Asst. Secy. of War
Washington
D.C.

Office Supt.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Quartermaster's Office
Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 21 1866

Lieut S. Geisreiter
Supt. B of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose herewith duplicate requisitions of Stationery. turned over to Col. A.J. Noble A.D.M. for transportation to you

Please sign Certificates. and receipts and return at your earliest Convenience

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) John Tyler.
Capt 2d U.S. Corps
Br Maj. & A.D.M.

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191 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 14th 1866

Special Orders
No 72

1 Captain Charles Banghaf 5th Regt V.R.C. is hereby assigned to duty as Superintendent and Provost Marshal, Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, in and for Sebastian Co. Ark. with office at Ft. Smith.

He will without delay relieve Lieut S Griesiter the present Supt &c, who will turn over to him the books, papers and records of his office, and their report without delay to these Hd Qrs. for further orders.

By order of
Bvt Major General J. M. Sprague
(sgd.) D. E. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Aug. 23rd 1866

To
Bvt. Maj. Genl J. M. Sprague
Asst. Commr. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

General

I have the honor to state that I have this day turned over to Capt. Charles Banghaf the books, papers and records pertaining to the office of Superintendent Fort Smith Ark. as per. S.O. No. 72. dated Bureau R.F. & A.L. Mo. Ark. and Ind. Terry. Aug 14th 1866. I am ready to leave for Little Rock on the first boat & shall report at the earliest possible moment.

(over)

Very Respectfully
your Obt. Servt.
L. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. August 31st. 1866

To
Bvt. Major Genl. J. H. Sprague
Asst. Commissioner
Bureau of R.F. and A.L.
Genl.

I have the honor, to submit the following, as my monthly Report, of Business transacted, during the Month of August, 1866.

On Insurance of S.O. No. 72. dated Bureau R.F. and A.L. States of Mo. Ark. and Indian Territory. Office of Asst. Commsr. Little Rock Ark. August 14th 1866. I had all Books, papers and Records, pertaining to the Office of Supt. Fort Smith Ark. turned over to me.

No. of Refugees to whom rations were issued	331
" " Freedmen " " " "	55
Total	413
No. of Refugees under medical treatment	105
" " Freedmen " " " "	169
Total	274
No. of Rations issued to Refugees	3100
" " " " Freedmen	1041
Total	4141
Cash value of Rations issued to Refugees	$395.25
" " " " Freedmen	132.72¾
Total	$527.97¾

Sanitary Supplies on hand none.
Abandoned Lands in Sebastian County have all been restored, to the rightful owners.

I signed one contract, on the 27th of August between Messrs. Allen and Keenan, Employers, and Charley Rogers (colrd.) who is to work, in his Employers

Every Soldier 6 months, for $15.00 per month and Rations.

I would most respectfully recommend the establishment of a School, for Colored Children, there is a great number of them here; to the best of my knowledge there is no competent teacher here.

In my opinion, the demand for Rations, by Refugees, is, if anything, increasing, though I shall endevour to make the County take care of their Poor and reduce the distribution of Rations as much as possible.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your, Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf
Capt. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 1st 1866.

Bvt. Major Genl. J. H. Sprague
A. Commissioner. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor to submit to you, the Monthly Reports & Returns for the Month of August 1866.
to wit: Monthly Report of Freedmen
" " of Refugees
" " of Prisons and
Articles, employed and Hired. and Vouchers.
of Mr. Armsworthy and Wm Bernie and
A.A. Surg. J. Rowland

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf. Capt
and Supt. R. F. & A. L.

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Fort Smith Ark.
Office R. F. and A. L.
Septr 6th 1866.

Brt. Major Tyler
a. a. g. M.
Little Rock Ark.

Informed of the arrival of Stationery from Little Rock Ark. and Requisition returned

Chas. B. Bamhart
Capt. Supt. R. F. and A. L.

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Fort Smith Ark.
Office. R. F. and A. L.
Sept. 6th. 1866

Recd Circular No. 10. dated
War Department,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington August 22, 1866

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Fort Smith Ark.
Office R. F. & A. L.
Sept 6th 1866

Forwarded requisition
for Office furniture B. R. F. & A. L.

To
Bvt. Maj. Genl. Sprague
Asst. Commissr. &c.
Little Rock Ark.

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 7th 1866

Forwarded.*
To
Circular No. 10.* { John Stryker,
Mayor, City Fort Smith
Sebastian Co. Ark.
John Howard,
Judge of County Court,
Sebastian Co. Ark.

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.,
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 10th 1866

To
Bvt. Major Genl. J. H. Sprague
Asst. Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

General:

I have the honor, to most respectfully report to you, that the colored population, of this, and the joining Counties have a Camp Meeting, at this place, during the past week, which was largely attended. They furnished me with a list of about 500 names, Men, Women, and Children, who have come to the conclusion, to settle, if possible together on Govt. Land, but should prefer, to colonise in some Territory. They furthermore, ask, if they could be assisted by the Government, in procuring Rations, and some agricultural Implements, for one, or two years, at which time, they think, to be able, to repay the Government. They also report that perhaps 150 more men, will be added, to their list.

(over)

Ft Smith Ark.
Oct 14 1866

Returned with the endorsement that: "No provision is made by Govt except in providing for entering Homesteads."

(Sgd.) By Order J. W. Sprague Asst Comms.
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

End + 30p.

I have the honor, to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Chas Bamghaf (Capt)
Supt B. of R. F & A.L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory.
Office of Assistant Commissioner.
Little Rock, Ark. Sept 10th 1866

Special Orders
No 76.

1st It appearing by papers on file in this Office that Lot No. 6. Block 8, with the buildings thereon, in Van Buren Ark. registered in the name of "R. & R. Perkins" was not abandoned by the owners as defined in Sec 2nd of the Act of Congress approved July 2. 1864, the control of the said lot, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to R. P. Perkins; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau, for rents or damages which have accrued prior to the date of restoration.

By order of
Bvt Maj. Genl J. W. Sprague, Asst. Comr.
(Signed) D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl.

Capt Chas Bamghaf
Supt R. R. Mar. Freedmen
Ft Smith, Ark.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 19. 1866

Forwarded
To
R. P. Perkins
Van Buren Ark.
Copy of

Special Orders
No. 76

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 21, 1866.

Informed,
Mr. A. W. Nott, Q.M.
Sale 3rd Indian Home Guard,
of
Hardy Mitchell's case—in relation to stock
pressed from said Mitchell, by Maj Forman

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 24, 66

Recd.
From
Bvt. Lt. Col. H. Skinner A.Q.M.
Note containing Checks on First
National Bank, as follows
J. A. Hammersly $78.50
Geo. L. Birnie 20.00
Jos. L. C. Rowland 97.50

Wrote to Col. Skinner acknowledging
the above. Day and date above written.

Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept. 25, 1866

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J. W. Sprague
Bvt. Major Genl
A. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

I have the honor, to most respectfully ask for information, as to the Payment, of one "Willard Ayers." who has been, and is still digging Graves, for Refugees, & Freedmen, and has never received Pay for his Work. A.A. Surgeon Jos. S.C. Rowland, is in possession, of the Record of Graves dug by said W. Ayers.

I am, very respectfully
your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt.
B. of R.F. and A.L.

Ft. Smith Ark. Oct. 10, 1866

Returned with the following Endorsement:
The local authorities ought to bury all deceased paupers, and every effort should be made to reduce charges to do it. When this is necessary, application can be made to the Bureau to bury the dead at the expense of the Dept. the grave may be paid on proper vouchers.

By Order of J.W. Sprague Asst. Commr.
Geo. E. Taylor Chief Clerk.

(Copd.)
Office Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark
Oct. 4th 1866.
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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Sept 25th 1866.

J.W. Sprague
Bt. Major Genl and A. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark.
General:

I would most respectfully ask for information, in regard to Coffins, hereafter to be furnished, to Refugees and Freedmen (destitute) The Asst. Qr. Mast. has up to this time, furnished Coffins, but is now ordered, to discharge all Mechanics in his employ; the demand of the same is at present very large, their being a good deal of sickness especially the Cholera, here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

Oct. 9th 1866
Returned with the Endorsement, that bedding for the Ladies & Children, must be furnished by purchase & the same to be paid for by the Agent to whom issued.
Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

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Office B. of R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Oct 1st 1866.

D.C. Williams
Asst. Adj't. Genl
B. of R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt, of your letter, from the 20th of Sept. also the Circular No. 21. from your Hd. Qrs. and in reply, would most respectfully ask, whether I have to send you, a report in regard to the propriety, of approving Indentures of Apprenticeships of colored Children, if nothing of that kind, has come before me.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf
Capt 5th U.S.C.
Supt. B of R.F. & A.L.

Oct 15th 1866

Returned with the following Endorsement:
Such Reports are ordered to complete our files from which no Indentures have been approved
By Order of
J.W. Sprague Asst. Commr.
Geo. E. Taylor
Chief Clerk

E 314.

Office Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 1st. 1866.

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Bvt. Major Genl. J. W. Sprague
A. Commissioner etc.
General

I have the honor, to most respectfully submit the following, as my monthly Report of Business transacted during the month of September 1866.

No. of Refugees to whom Rations were issued		98
" " Freedmen " " " " "		153
	Total	251
No. of Refugees under Medical treatment		56
" " Freedmen " " "		91
	Total	147
No. of Rations issued to Refugees		828
" " " " " Freedmen		1474
	Total	2302
Cash value of Rations issued to Refugees		$105.57
" " " " " " Freedmen		180.93½
	Total	$286.50½

Contracts signed, between Mr. John Carnall, Employer, and Elias Johnson (Freedman) Employee, Sept. 3rd 1866.
Mr. W. L. Cabell, Employer, and ~~Charles Knox~~ M. Dixon, G. Brooke, and Jeff Richards (Freedmen) Employees, Sept. 11th. 1866.
Mr. L. W. Mozingo Employer and Charles Knox, and Louis Allen (Freedmen) Employees. Sept. 17th. 1866.
There is as yet no School for colored children at this place.
A larger number of Freedmen left this place, and a great many more are preparing to leave on account of the Cholera, and other sickness.
The colored people show a willingness, to settle on Government lands, in Bodies, and, as I suppose, will commence leaving here, the latter part of November.

The demand for Rations during this month was perfectly alarming; I issued Rations only to persons, who were actually on the point of starvation; to about one, out of twenty applicants.
There is no regular established Hospital in this County,-
A Mrs. Nichols (widow) has at present 5 white orphan Children in her charge; she is willing to take as many, as apply to her, at one time she had 27 orphans under her charge, at one time, and will therefore be the only person hereafter, to whom Rations will be issued.
Mrs. Nichols, is likewise the tracher of these children.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Gaughan
Capt. 5th U. S. C.
Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 1st 1866

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1Bvt. Major Genl. Sprague
A. Commissioner, B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor to submit to you, the monthly Reports & Returns for the month of September 1866. to wit:

Monthly Report of Freedmen
" " " Refugees
" " " Persons and Articles

Employed and Hired, and vouchers of Mr. Hammersly, Mr. Bailey, and A.A. Surg. Jos. S.C. Rowland.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Supt. B.R.F. and A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark Oct. 10, 1866.

Received
From
John Tyler Capt. 2 U.S.C. Bvt. Maj. Vols.
In Chge Claims Div.
Little Rock Ark.

Copy of Instructions
Relative to claims of Colored Soldiers.

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Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 13, 1866
Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

Returned For Correction } Report of Persons and Articles *

* Oct. 15th, Corrected & forwarded.

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Bureau of Refugees etc.
Little Rock Ark.
Oct. 6th. 1866.

Capt. Chas. Banghaf
Supt &c. Fort Smith
Captain

By direction of the Assistant Commissioner I have the honor to invite the attention of officers who forward claims to this office, to a discrepancy existing in the forms furnished for "Proof of Cohabitation and Common Reputé", on account of the omission of the number names and ages of the Children of the parties. Until correct printed forms are received, officers will cause manuscript affidavits to be made, adhering to the names number and ages of the Children

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) John Tyler
Capt. U.S.C. Bvt. Maj. Vols.
In Charge Claims Div

Bureau, &c. &c. Little Rock Ark.
Oct 9th. 1866.

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Circular Letter,

Sir

Attention is respectfully invited to notes in printed instructions giving ~~instructions~~ information respecting bounties provided by the Act of July 28, 166.

Claims for the additional bounty provided by this Act are now received by the Department.

Printed forms and rules and regulations will be supplied as soon as they are received from Washington

By Order of
Bvt. Maj Genl Sprague
(Sgd.) John Taylor
Bvt. Maj. Vols
Incharge Claim Div.

Capt Chas Bamgfat
Fort Smith
Ark.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 16, 1866.

D W Williams
Asst. Adjt Genl.
Little Rock Ark,

Sir

I would respectfully ask information, in regard to Monthly Reports of Indentures - in what form they are to be made out - there being no blanks, records, or anything, except Circulars No. 16, 17, and 21, pertaining to Indentures, in this office.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bamgfat.
Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Mo. Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Little Rock Ark. Oct. 10th 1866.

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Special Orders
No. 86

3. It being required by the act to continue in force and to amend "An Act to establish a Bureau for the relief of Freedmen and Refugees" approved July 16th 1866, that all officers agents and employees of this Bureau, before entering upon the duties of their office shall take the oath following:

"I. A. B. do solemly swear (or affirm) that I have never, voluntarily, borne arms against the United States since I have been a citizen thereof, that I have voluntarily given no aid, countenance, council or encouragement to persons engaged in armed hostility thereto, that I have neither sought nor accepted, nor sought to exercise the functions of any office whatever under any authority or pretended authority, in hostility to the United States, that I have not yielded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto.

And I do further swear that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office, on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

In compliance therewith, each officer agent and employee of this Bureau, other than officers of the Army, will at once take the oath required, and forward it through the proper channel to these Head Quarters; those now on duty in the Bureau who cannot take the oath

prescribed are hereby relieved from
duty

(Sgd) J. W. Sprague
Assistant Commissioner

Capt. Chas. Banghaf V. R. C.
Supt. & Pro. Mar. Freedmen
Fort Smith Ark.

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Office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 18, 1866

Brt Maj. Genl. J. W. Sprague
A. Commissioner B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Genl.

I have the honor
to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Oct 10th.
containing Special Orders No. 86. I herewith transmit
oath of Mr Hammersly, Clerk in B. R. F. & A. L.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 5th V. R. C. Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

Fort Scott Kansas
September 19th 1866.

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Brig. Gen. J. W. Sprague
Asst. Com. Frd. Bureau
for the State of Arkansas
General

I have a matter which I presume will necessarily come befor the Freedmens Bureau of Arkansas, and desire some instructions in relation to the manner of proceding.

A colored man of this City Thomas Wadell has two children - Delilah Elmaugg and Henry Allen - who's befor the emancipation were slaves, owned by one John Lair.

Said Lair still holds them, and Wadell says refuses to give them up. He at present has them in Carroll County Arkansas, of which Carrollton is the county seat.

Wadell wishes to bring an action to recover his children. Will you give me information what course to pursue.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
(Sgd.) W. J. Bawden

Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Oct. 20, 1866.

Recd the above documents
with the following endorsement:

Respectfully referred
to Capt Chas. Baughaf, for such action as may
be practicable

By Order of
J. W. Sprague, Asst. Comm.
Geo. E. Dayton.
Chief Clerk.

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Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
October 20th 1866.

To the
Hon. Judge of Carroll County
Ark.

Sir I have the honor to submit to you a true Copy of a letter, ~~received~~ to me by Bt. Major Genl. J.W. Sprague Asst Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L.

I would most respectfully ask you, to assist me, in finding the whereabouts of said Children, and inform me how you think best to get them to this place, or send them to Fort Scott Kan.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bamzhart
Capt. U.S.A.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

Letters Sent and Received
Volume 2 (77) Oct. 1866–May 1868

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & A.L.
For Mo. Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Office of Genl. Supt. of Schools.
Little Rock Ark. Oct. 17. 1866.

Sir

I have the honor to request that Monthly Reports be made by Mrs. the lady having charge of Orphans at Ft. Smith. It matters not how few attends the School it should be reported just the same.

I have made arraingments with the Am. Miss. Assn to supply teachers to freedmen. I am desirous of having a School opened at Ft. Smith. Please report what part of the expense can be met by the freedmen themselves, and if a suitable building can be secured without delay.

Very Respectfully Yours,
(Sgd.) Wm. M. Colby
Genl. Supt Fr. Schs for Ark.

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Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
For the States of Mo. & Ark.
Quartermasters office
Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 22, 1866.

Capt. Chas. Banghaf
Supt. R.F.& A.L.
Ft. Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith Checks Nos. 42 & 43, on Natl. Bk. of this City in payment of following vouchers

J. A. Hammerly 97.00
T. T. Bailey 50.00

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd) H. Skinner
Bvt. Lieut. & A. D. C.

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Office B.R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Smith Ark. Nov. 2nd 1866

For'd.

Capt. Skinner

Account Current for the month of October; also vouchers for Mr. Dell

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 1, 1866

Wm. M. Colby
Genl. Supt. Fr. Schools for Ark.
Little Rock Ark

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, dated October 17th 1866. and in reply, would most respectfully state, that the colored people in this place, are willing, to pay for the schooling, of about 65 children out of 80. but they are about to leave this place, in mass, to settle on Grand Prairie, and wish to establish a School there. As soon as they have made that important step, I shall inform you of the same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf Capt.
5th V.R.C. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 1, 1866.

Bvt. Maj. Genl. Sprague
A. Commissioner B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor to submit to you the monthly reports and returns for the month of October 1866. to wit:

Monthly Report of Freedmen
" " " Refugees
" " " Persons and Articles

Employed and Hired, and Vouchers of Mr. Haymerly, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Story, and A.A. Surg. Jos. L.C. Rowland.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf Capt.
5th V.R.C. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 1, 1866.

Bvt. Maj. Genl. Sprague
A. Commr etc.
General

I have the honor to report that there was no Indentures of Apprenticeships made or approved by me during the month of October 1866

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf
Capt. 5th V.R.C. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Office B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 1, 1866.

Bvt. Maj. Genl. J. W. Sprague
A. Commissioner etc.
Little Rock Ark.

Genral

I have the honor to most respectfully submit the following, as my monthly Report of Business transacted, during the month of October 1866.

No. of Orphans to whom Rations were issued 5
" " Rations issued to orphans 155
Cash value of Rations issued $19.76¼
No. of Refugees under Medical treatment -
" " Freedmen " " "
Total

A great many applications for Rations were made, and only issued to persons, who were actually suffering, for the want of food; by the Commander of the Post, upon (my) recommendation; this was done by a verbal order of Maj. Genl. Ord, Comdg Department.

The colored people of this place and vicinity, will move on monday the 5th of Nov. to Grand Prairie, near Ozark, Ark. and select land, under the Homestead Law.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas Bamhaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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B.R.F. & A.L. for Mo. and Ark.
Quartermasters Office
Little Rock Ark. Nov. 5th. 1866.

Capt - Chas Bamhaf
Supt - B of R F and A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith Checks Nos. 5 & 6. in payment of the following ates. viz:

J A Hammersly October 66. $19.76
U. U. Bailey Rent " " 20.00

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.Q.M.

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War Department
Bureau R.F. & A. Lands
Washington D.C. Oct 29. 66.

Circular Letter.

As many applications for transportation are received at these Head Quarters, without sufficiently detailed statements of the facts in each case, I am directed by the Commissioner to request that Asst Commissioners and other officers of the Bureau will endeavor to have all papers, passing through this office conform as nearly as possible to the following suggestions.

1st The names and numbers of persons to be transported, or the name of the head man of the family or party, with the numbers of the latter, and the sex and class, (Refugees or Freed people) to which they belong will be stated.

2d When children are to be transported the age and sex of those of twelve years and over, should be stated as full fare is charged, and the age only of those from four to eleven, (inclusive) for whom half fare is charged. Children under four years of age will not be mentioned, no charge being made for them.

3d Transportation will only be requested from and to the nearest Railway Station or St. am boat landing to the starting point and place of destination.

4th The particular necessity for the transportation should be stated and information furnished as to whether the parties will not be a charge on Government after reaching their destination

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(signed) Stuart Eldridge
A.A.A. Genl.

Official Copy
(sgd) John Tyler
Capt & A.D.C. Bvt Maj U.S.
A.A.A.G.

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Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Nov. 13, 1866.

Bvt. Maj. John Tyler
A.A.A. Genl.

Sir

I have the honor to submit the following, in compliance with Circular Letter of October 31st 1866.

No. of Freedmen under contract with the approval of an agent of the Bureau 68
No. of Freedmen under contract without the approval of said agent 37
Total 105

No. of contracts kept 105
" " " broken —
Total 105

Although there has been some misunderstanding, on several occasions, between the employers and employees, I have no knowledge of any contracts being broken.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas Bamhart Capt
5th U.S.C.C. Supt B.R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Little Rock, Ark. Nov. 12th 1866.

Capt. Chas. Bayhaf
Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Capt.

The Asst. Comr. directs that letters of transmittal accompanying Claims of Colored Soldiers &c. should give the name of the claimant, and the name, rank Company and regiment of the person on whose account the claim is made.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) John Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bvt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

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B.R.F. & A.L. for the States of
Mo. and Ark.
D.M. Office Little Rock Ark. Nov. 10, 1866.

Capt Chas Bayhaf
Supt. R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith triplicate receipts for the sums of three & 30/100 dollars $3 30/100 amt. of R.F. Funds rec'd from you this day.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.D.M.

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Quarter Master's Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock Ark.

$ 3.30/100

Received this Tenth day of November 1866. from Capt Chas. Bayhaf, Supt. &c. the sum of Three & 30/100 Dollars. R & F. funds for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the United States

(Signed in Triplicate) (Sgd) Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.D.M.

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B. of R.F. And A. Lands,
For the States of Mo. and Ark.
Quarter Master's Office,
Little Rock Ark. Nov. 10, 1866.

Chas. Bayhaf.
Capt. Supt B.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith, through your office, vouchers of D. Dell for printing, for signature to receipt.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Henry Page
Bt. Col. And A.D.M.

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Nov. 18th 1866.
Rec'd. Property Return for 21 Counties.

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & A. Lands,
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commissioner.
Little Rock, Ark. November 6th, 1866.

Circular Letter.

Sir:- You will make out and forward to Brevet Colonel Henry Cage, A.D.C., Chief Quartermaster Bureau R.F. and A.L. for Arkansas and Indian Territory, on the last day of each month, an abstract of all vouchers given for purchase of articles for use of the Bureau, showing that the property has been accounted for in accordance with Par. 1013, Rev. Army Regs, viz: "All property, paid for or not, must be taken up on the return, and accounted for when received."

By Command of Brevet Major General E.O.C. Ord
Assistant Commissioner.

(signed) John Tyler
Capt. V.R.C., Bvt. Major Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

To
Capt. Chas. Bingham
Supt. &c.
Ft. Smith
Ark.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. Nov. 27th 1866.

Capt. Chas. Bingham
Supt. &c.
Ft. Smith Ark.

Capt.

I am directed by the Asst. Comr. to inform you, that claims may now be taken under the joint resolution of June 15th and July 28th 1866, without furnishing proof of freedom. Claims should be made first under those resolutions and afterward for the bounty under the "equalization Act." The necessary blanks will be furnished at the earliest possible date, and until they are received, it is suggested to the officers who forward claims, that they receive the discharges from the claimants when application is made, and prepare the claims when the blanks are obtained thus keeping the soldiers from the hands of claim Agents

I am Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) John Tyler
Capt V.R.C. & Bvt. Maj Vols
A.A.A. Genl.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Decr. 21 1866

E. O. C. Ord
Bt. Major Genl. U. S. Army
Asst. Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor, to most respectfully submit the following as my monthly report of Business transacted during the month of November 1866.

No. of Orphans to whom Rations were issued	5
" " Rations issued to Orphans	150
Cash value of Rations issued	$19.12½
No of Refugees under Medical treatment	44
" " Freedmen " " "	42
Total	86

The Mortality among Refugees and Freedmen has been during the past month fearful & issued vouchers for Coffins to the number of 27.

The Civil Authorities, will absolutely do nothing toward the relief of even the Refugees, claiming that they live outside of their jurisdiction; at several occasions the bodies of deceased Refugees & Freedmen were laying unburied for 2 days.

The Freedmen from this and some adjoining Counties, are very anxious to settle on Govt. Land under the Homestead law but are progressing slowly because the Land Office of this District (in Clarksville, is not open yet; however a great number of Freedmen left this place.

I am Genl
Very respectfully your Obt. Servt
Chas. Banghaf
supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Decr. 1. 1866.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl

I have the honor to submit to you the monthly reports and returns for the month of November 1866:

(Monthly) Report of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles employed and Hired,
Report of Indentures, and vouchers of Mr. Hammersly, Mr. Bailey, and A. A. Surg. Jos. S. C. Rowland.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Banghaf
Capt 5th U. S. C. Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Decr. 1, 1866.

Wm. M. Colby
Genl Supt. Fr. Schools for Ark.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose herewith Mrs. S. E. Nickells School Report for the month of November 1866.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Capt. 5th U.S.C.T. Supt B. of R.F. & A.L.
Chas. Banghaf.

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Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Decr. 1, 1866.

Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.D.C.
Little Rock Ark

Colonel

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Property Return for the month of November 1866, also No. 25 voucher to abstract D.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf
Capt 5th U.S.C.T. Supt. B of R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Decr. 19th 1866.

E.O.C. Ord
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S. Army
Asst. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of Circular No. 28 from your office, Dated Decr. 6th. 1866. and in compliance with the same, would most respectfully report the following:

There at present a small, private School for colored children, at this place, only 9 children are attending the same, they pay, each $1.25 per. month; about 40 more are here, but the Parents of one third of them are not able to pay their tuition.

The present teacher is a widow lady (Mrs. Brott) who I would most respectfully recommend, to be retained, because the children have great confidence in her; she will teach from 40 to 50 children, for $50.00 per. month. I also learned that she has been teaching colored children, for nearly one year, previous, to my arrival at this place.

I think I am able to collect about $20.00 per. month, from the Parents of three children.

To establish Schools, on or near Plantations, in this vicinity, at present, would in my opinion, not reach its point, because the contracts, between the Freedmen, and their Employers, will expire, by the 1st of January 1867.

A great many of the Freedmen, will, under the Homestead Act move to Grand Prairie, (Franklin County) about 45 miles from here; some 10 or 12 families, have already gone to the above mentioned place.

I would recommend, to establish a School there, as soon as their colord prople have their Meeting and Schoolhouse finished.

I have the honor
to remain very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas Bayhaf.
Capt. 5th U.S.C.C.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Little Rock Ark.
Decr. 15th 1866.

Capt. Chas Bayhaf
Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to forward herewith, Receipts and Invoices of a quantity of Clothing which the Asst Commissioner has directed me to transfer for gratuitous distribution by you under the regulations of this Bureau.

I am very respectfully
your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Jno Tyler
Capt. 2nd U.S.C.C. Bt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.D.M.

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen
and Abandoned Lands
For Ark. & Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. Decr. 15th 1866.

Capt. Chas Bayhaf. U.S.C.
Superintendent &c.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain,

I am directed by the Asst Comr. to inform you that a quantity of Clothing has this day been shipd by Steamer American to Fort Gibson and as this clothing will probably be reshipd at Ft. Smith this boat not going beyond that point this trip, you are desired to see that it goes up on the first boat. The Clerk of the American has signed through Way bills, and it is his business to see that it goes through without delay, still to prevent any delay or mishap, the Asst Comr. desires you to look after it.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Svbt.
(Signed) John Tyler
Capt U.S.C. Bt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.

For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock Ark. Dec. 15th 1866.

Capt. Chas. Banzhaf. V.R.C.
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain.

Refering to that portion of your monthly report for November which mentions the desire of certain parties of Freedmen in your vicinity to locate lands under the "Homestead Act" but are progressing slowly because the Land Office for that district is not open, I have the honor to inform that it is believed here that a Register and Receiver of U.S. lands have been appointed for that District and that office will soon be opened. A report of the condition of the Land Offices in this State has been made to the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, and it is hoped that the affairs of the Land department will receive attention and the office be opened for business. Meantime you should encourage the Freedmen to make all necessary preparations towards colonizing upon the Government lands.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Signd) John Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark., Dec 20th 1866.

Circular Letter.

Sir.

By direction of the Asst. Comr. I have the honor to authorize you to make purchases of a desk, chairs and other office furniture necessary to the proper conduct of the business of your office. The attention of civilian Superintendents acting under this authority is invited to Circular No. 31. dated at this office the 17th inst.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(signed) John Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

To
Capt. Chas Banzhaf
Supt. &c
Fort Smith Ark.

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Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Decr. 31. 1866.

E.O.C. Ord
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S. Army
Asst. Comr. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

General

I have the honor to report that there was no Indentures of Apprenticeship made or approved by me during the month of Decr. 1866.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghat
Capt 5th U.S.V.L.E. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

Disby. Office R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.
Dec. 24, 1866.

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Capt Chas Banghat
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Property Return for month of November 1866.

Abstract L. (No. 41) with voucher are required.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Co. & A.A.M.

Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. January 1, 1867

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E.O.C. Ord
Major Genl. U.S. Army
Asst. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor to most respectfully report the following Business transacted during the month of December 1866.

No. of Orphans to whom Rations were issued		5
" Rations issued to Orphans		155
" Cash value of Rations issued	$19.76¼	
No. of Refugees under Medical treatment		24
" " Freedmen " "		34
	Total	58

The Freedmen, from this District, are now fast taking up Government Lands. The Contracts between Planters and Freedmen, made during the year of 1866. in this District, have principally expired. to the satisfaction of both parties, there is not a single case on file in this office where either party complained.

The state of health among Freedmen and Refugees, is remarkably increasing, but a great many of them, are suffering from the want of food, they, however, receive Rations, on my recommendations, from the Post Commander.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghat
Capt 5th U.S.V.L.E. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
January 1. 1866.

E.D.C. Ord
Bvt Major Genl U.S.A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.
General.

I have the honor to submit to you, reports and returns for the month of December 1866:

Monthly Report of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles employed and hired, Report of Indentures, and vouchers of Mr. Hammerly Mr. Bailey, Mr. Ayres, and Mr. Reid.

I would also most respectfully ask that you send me the following blanks:
Monthly Reports of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
Vouchers Nos. 12. 22. & 25.
Monthly Returns of D.M. Stores
" " " Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Capt. 5th U.S.C.T. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

Hd. Qrs. Dept. of Arkansas
Little Rock Ark Dec. 16. 1866.

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Circular Letter

To
Commanding Officer
Post of

Military Commanders of this Department, receiving application for a military force to aid in the arrest of citizens, who have been guilty of murder, robbery, aggravated assault, rape or arson upon freedmen, freedwomen or their families, will furnish the necessary force to make the arrest provided the application is accompanied with copies of affidavits of credible witnesses to the crime, and the statement of the superintendent of freedmen, that he has brought the case to the notice of the proper civil authorities of the State and they have failed or refused to take cognizance thereof.

The troops furnished will return to their proper command as soon as the arrests have been made.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd) O.D. Greene
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official Copy respectfully furnished for the information of Capt Chas. Bingham 5th U.S.C.T. Superintendent B.F. & A.L. Fort Smith Arkansas.

By command of
Bvt Maj Genl E.D.C. Ord Asst Comr.

(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
Capt 4th U.S. Vet. Vols.
A.A.A. Genl

Little Rock Ark
December 17th 1866

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and A. L.
Dt. Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Office of Asst. Comr.
Little Rock Ark. Dec. 27. 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

Upon an examination of the rolls of the regiments of colored troops mustered out in this Department it is found that the word "slave" appears opposite the name of each man of the 54th and 63rd Regiments U.S.C.T. (Infantry) except the 4th Regiment U.S.C. Artly (Heavy) Therefor Claims will not be taken for bounty on account of discharged soldiers of the regiments under the Joint Resolutions of Congress of July 28th 1866. (Equalization Act) except the applicant can furnish satisfactory proof that the person on whose account the claim is made, was free on or before April 19th 1861.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) John Tyler
Capt V.R.C. Bt. Maj vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

Capt. Chas. Bamhart
Supt.
Ft. Smith
Arkansas

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War Department.
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
Office Chief Quarter Master
Washington, Dcr. 26th 1866.

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith one copy Bureau Office Manual
Also 1 copy each of Circulars, Chief Q.M.G., Bureau R. F. and A.L., Nos. 4.5. and 6 the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
By order of Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Comr.

(Sgd.) Henry W. Whittelsey
Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief Q.M.
Bureau R.F. & A.L.

To
Capt Chas Bamhart
A.A.A.G.
Fort Smith Ark.

Acknowledged the receipt of the above this 8th day of January 1867.

Chas Bamhart Capt V.R.C.
Supt B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas and Indian Territory,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 31st 1866.

Capt. Chas Bingham V.R.C.
Superintendent &c
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain

I am instructed by the Asst. Commr. to authorize and direct that you purchase a cook stove with furniture and pipe for the Refugee and Freedmen Hospital at Fort Smith at an expense not exceeding ($78 00) Seventy eight dollars. In making the selection you should confer with the A. A. Surgeon in charge

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
Capt V.R.C. Bt. Maj vols
A.A.A.Genl

Thos
Bt. Col. H. Page
Chf Quartermaster.

Endorsement on the above

Asst R.F.&A.L. Office
Little Rock Ark
Jany 3rd 1867

Respectfully forwarded to Capt. Chas. Bingham.
Vouchers for the purchase of the within mentioned
Stove will be paid at this office
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.D.C.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen,
and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark.
Decr. 27th 1866.

Circular Letter.

Sir

The Asst. Comr. directs that copies of Circulars Nos. 30 and 32 Current Series be furnished to the Judges and Justices of the Peace in your District for their information. A sufficient number will be furnished for this purpose.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) John Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bt. Maj. vols.
A.A.A.Genl.

To
Capt Chas Bingham
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner.
Little Rock, Ark.
Decr. 31st 1866.

Capt. Chas Bauyhaf. V.R.C.
Superintendent &c.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain,

I am instructed by the Asst. Commr

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Jany 2d 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

When detachments of troops are serving without other commissioned officers, than an agent of this Bureau, such agent will report by letter to the Chief Quartermaster Department of the Arkansas, Col. A. Montgomery, as Quartermaster, and to the Chief Commissary of the Department Col. Jas. S. Crane, as Commissary, in addition to his other duties, in order that he may make necessary purchases, receipt for property &c. Each of such officers will sign himself as A.A.A.G. and A.C.S.

By Command of
Bt Maj Genl E.D.C. Asst Comr
(Sgd.) John Tyler
Capt V.R.C. Bt Maj. vols.
A.A.A.G.

Head Qrs. Dept of the Arkansas
Little Rock Ark. Jan. 4, 1867.

Approved
By command of
Bt. Maj. Genl. E.D.C. &c
(Sgd.) O.D. Greene
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official
(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bt. Maj. vols.
A.A.A.G.

Capt. Chas Bauyhaf
Supt. &c
Ft. Smith
Arkansas

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark., Jan 10th 1867.

Private

Circular Letter

Sir

The Asst. Commissioner directs that the course pursued by officers of this Bureau in complaints of bastardy, be restricted to an advisory one only. They will refer the complainants to the Civil Authorities endeavoring by advice to induce such authorities to apply the laws of the State to the Freed people.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
Capt 2 R.I.C. Bt. Maj. vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

Capt Chas Bamhart
Supt &c
Fort Smith
Ark

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War Department
Washington City
Dec. 22nd 1866.

Circular

Sir.

The Secretary of War directs that you immediately give instructions to all the officers and agents of your Bureau who have public property under their charge, that they take the necessary precautions for preventing its destruction or damage by accidental fires, and also to see, by personal inspection, that the apparatus for extinguishing fires of which they have control, is in proper condition for effective use.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Ed. Schriver
Inspector General

To the Commissioner
Bureau Refugees Freedmen &
Abandoned Lands

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of Bt. Major Genl. E.O.C. Ord Asst Comm. for Arkansas.

(Sgd) A.P. Ketchum
A.A.A. Genl.

Official Copy

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
Capt 2 R.C. Bt. Maj. Vols.
A.A.A.G.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermasters and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Jany 4 1867

Capt. Chas Baughaf
Supt R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir

Inclosed herewith I send Checks for One Hundred & forty seven & 50/100 dollars in payment of the following vouchers:
W. W. Bailey $20.00 J. A Hammersly 97.50
Anton Iris 30.00

Very respectfully
your Obedient Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.D.M.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Jan 21st 1867

Circular Letter

Sir

Officers in the Military service of the United States on duty in this Bureau as Superintendents are hereby informed that they are allowed one room as office and that rooms in excess of this number furnished by the Bureau, occupied by themselves as sleeping rooms or quarters, deprives such officers of the privilege of commuting their rations at (50) fifty cents or collecting commutation for quarters.

By command of
Bt. Major Genl E.D.C. Ord Asst. Comr.

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
Capt. V.R.C. Bt. Maj. vols
A.A.A. Genl.

Capt. Chas. Baughaf
Supt &c
Fort Smith
Ark.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Jany 12, 1867.

Capt. Chas Baughaf
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that an Abstract of purchase vouchers, in accordance with Circular letter, Office Asst. Comr. Nov. 6th 1866, must be furnished this office befor payment can be made on purchase vouchers issued by you. This applies to Nov. & Dec.

I am very respy
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Lt. & A.D.M.

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Bureau of R. F. & A. L.
Ark. & Ind. Ter.
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark. Jan 24th 1867

Lieut J. S. Taylor V. R. C.
Supt Hamburg
Ashley County Ark.

Lieut:

Your monthly narrative report for December 1866. is received. A company of colored cavalry will be sent you in a short time, and you will quietly inform yourself of the habitations of the desperadoes and murderers in your district that they may be arrested. Take affidavits in each case. You will notify the wealthy land-owners and planters that if they do not interest themselves ~~so as to~~ to put a stop to murder and outrage against soldiers, freedmen and northern men as reported by yourself. Capt Barker and others and known to be practised in Ashley County. I will send you a force of colored cavalry to sweep the County and remove every freed person from it, as a measure of safety to that class of people. I wish you to report to me, at what points steamboats should be sent to receive the families of freedmen, and how many boats it would take to remove the whole freed population from the County; also how many wagons it would take and where they should rendezvous. I am authorized to furnish such freed persons as desire to move transportation, and will include in it rations to their place of destination, which will probably be Jefferson County Arkansas, where there are hundreds of planters who treat their freedmen well, and

who are applying daily for permission
to bring them from remote States.

Notify the intelligent
freedmen of this measure, and state
to the best men in the County that I will
hold them responsible for your good treat=
ment, and have both the power and
will to carry out my intentions.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) E.O.C. Ord
Bt. Maj: Genl. U.S.A.
Assistant Commissioner

Official Copy
Henry Page
Bt Col & A.A.G.
A.A.A.G.

42½ B.R.F. & A.L.
For Ark. & Ind. Ter.
D.Ms and D.C.
Little Rock Ark Jany 12. 1867.

Capt Thos. Bamphof
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L., Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith ~~for~~ your Property returns for months of Nov. & Dec. 1866 with the re= marks. viz: Nov. 66. 27 Coffins dropped from the return voucher must be furnished. Dec. 66. Abst. D. (form 24) must be furnished 8 Coffins dropped from return & voucher must be furnished.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.

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B. of R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Jan 31st 1867

Circular Letter

Sir

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you report to this office without delay whether any of the rooms rented by this Bureau at your station are occupied by yourself as sleeping rooms or quarters.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col & A.A.G.
A.A.A.G.

To
Capt Chas Banzhaf
Supt
Fort Smith
Ark.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
February 7th 1867

Brvt. Col. A. Page
A. A. I. G. & A. A. G.
B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular letter from your Office, dated January 31st 1867. and in reply, would most respectfully state, that I am occupying a Room for myself, on the same floor of my Office & Storeroom, for which I pay Doct Wm M. Bailey $10.00 per. Month; I do not occupy quarters, for which the Government pay rent.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Chas. Bangbar Capt
5th U.S.C.C. Supt etc.

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Office Asst. A.G. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark
February 1st 1867

Ed Ord
Brt. Major Genl. U.S.A.
Asst. Comsr. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

General

I have the honor to report that there was no Indentures of Apprenticeship made or approved by me during the month of January 1867.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas Bancha Capt.
5th U.S.C. Asst. A.G. of R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. Feby. 1st 1867

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Henry Page
Bt. Col & A.A.G.M.
A.A.A.G.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to submit to you reports and returns for the month of January 1867.

Monthly Reports of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles employed and hired.
Monthly Report of Indentures
" Return " D.M. Stores
" " " Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, Account Current and vouchers of J.C. Hammersly, Jos. S. C. Rowland, W.H. Bailey, Anton Nris, Willard Ayers, John Blank, Martha Green, John Vaughan & Co. James Story, and Gunther & Bautmark.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Chas. Bonjhaf
Capt 5th U.S.R.C.
Supt B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
February 3rd 1867

Byt. Major Genl.
E. D. C. Ord.
Asst. Commissioner
B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.
Genl.

I have the honor to most respectfully report the following Business transacted during the month of January 1867:

No. of Orphans, to whom Rations were issued		3
" " Rations issued to Orphans		155
Cash value Rations " " "		$19.76¼
No. of Refugees under Medical treatment		31
" " Freedmen " " "		53
	Total	84

I Approved 16 contracts, in Sebastian & Crawford County, 9 of them were made out by the Employers, who hire Freedman and their families, to work their Land for shares. I charged nothing for them, and 7 were made out by me for which I charged $1.10 per Contract.

There are a great many Freedmen and Refugees coming from Texas, perfectly destitute, to whom I give Clothing, there are also a great many destitute people in the Indian Nation, not Indians, to whom I issue Clothing.

A few cases, Negros complaining, not having received their wages, have come before me, no Contracts being made I turned the same over to the civil authority, attended the trial and saw the Negro Justice done.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas Bingham Capt 5th U.S.C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory.
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Feby 2, 1867

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded to you by mail this day, one copy of the Bureau officers Manual, the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.
A.A.A.Genl.

To
Capt. Chas Banzhaf
Supt. Ft Smith
Ark.

To Col. H. Page.

The above receipt of Manual for Officers, B. of R. F. & A. L. acknowledged.

Chas. Banzhaf
Capt. &c.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory.
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Feb. 7. 1867.

Dr. J. S. C. Rowland
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

Inclosed herewith I hand you Ck. on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark. for Ninety Seven $\frac{50}{100}$ Dollars ($97.50) Amt of your pay for December 1866.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Sgd) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G. Mrs.

Thro
Capt. Chas Banghaf
Supt R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

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War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington Jany 24th 1867.

General

Hereafter and until further orders, no fees or charges will be exacted by Officers or Agents of the Bureau for services they may render in connection with contracts between freedmen and their employers, either in the examination, approval, witnessing or registry of such contracts or otherwise.

Please instruct your subordinates to comply this requirement. Labor contracts should be in writing. If

possible persuade laborers and employers not to rely upon mere verbal agreements. They occasion much confusion. Bureau Agents are required to do all in their power to secure fair contracts for the freed people, and in offering their services for that purpose, they should be let it be understood that they will be rendered without charge to the parties concerned.

Very respectfully
(Sgd.) O. O. Howard
Major General Commissioner

Bt. Maj. Genl Ord
Asst Quar.
Little Rock Ark.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of
Capt. Chas Banghaf Supt at Ft. Smith
Ark.
By Command of
Bt. Maj Genl Ord Asst Quar.

Little Rock Ark. Feby 8, 1867

(Sgd) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G. Mrs.
A.A.A.G.

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Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark

V.V. Milor

Sir

You are hereby commanded to appear before the undersigned Chas Banghaf Capt. U.S.A. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L. at Fort Smith Ark. County of Sebastian, on the 25th day of February 1867. at ten O.clock in the forenoon, to answer the complaint of Harriett Egan, (Freedwoman)

Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1867.

Chas. Banghaf.
Capt U. S. A.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

Also a like command to
52 John A. Elliot

Issued the following summons to
D.K. Spangler, Albert Knox, Julia Rees

Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

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You are hereby summoned to appear before the undersigned, Chas Banghaf, Capt. U.S.A. Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L. at Fort Smith Ark. County of Sebastian on the 26th day of February 1867 at ten O clock A.M. then and there to testify in the case pending wherein Harriett Egan is plaintiff and V.V. Milor and John A. Elliot are defendants.

Given under my hand this 18th day of February 1867

Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. U.S.A.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

War Department
56 Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington, Feby. 4th 1867.

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith One copies each of Circulars Commissioner Bu. R.F. & A.L. 1 to 3 incl 1867. Also one copies each of Circulars, Chief D.M.O. Bureau R.F. and A.L., Nos. 1. 1867. the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Order to officers serving under your direction.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
By order of Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard, Commr.

(Sgd) Henry M Whittlesey
Bvt. Brig. Genl. and Chief D.M.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To Capt. Chas. Banghaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith, Ark.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
February 23rd 1867

To
the Hon. Mayor and
Council of the City of
Fort Smith, Ark.
Gentlemen

I have the honor to most respectfully inform you, that during the [illegible] 6 months, (since I am in charge of the B. of R. F. & A. L. at this place) I have become thoroughly acquainted with the poorer Class of the people in Fort Smith & vicinity; and found that there is a great many of them, especially widows & orphans, for whom, in my opinion, something, to relieve their suffering ought to be done.

The Government has now established a Refugee Hospital and is also distributing Clothing among them, why will not something be done, to assist the Government in keeping that very poor Class from starving?

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 2nd U. S. R. C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
February 27th 1867

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt Major Genl. U. S. A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

General

I have the honor to submit to you, a true Copy of the testimonies given before two Justices of the Peace. (F. McKernan & W. K. Spangler) in the case, where one John Porter, Policeman of the City of Fort Smith, shot & wounded one West Douglas, Freedman, Saturday, February the 23rd 1867; at this place.

After the examination, said John Porter, Policeman of the City of Fort Smith Ark. was liberated.

In my opinion, John Porter, was not justified, in shooting West Douglas, as the latter was in the act of making his escape, also was the crime for which he was arrested very trifling.

The Civil authority having taken notice of the case, and it being my opinion that John Porter ought to be tried before a higher Court, I would most respectfully ask for information, whether to arrest him, or await the result of West Douglas wound, who is doing well at present.

Asst. General.
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 2nd U. S. C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory.
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark.
February 18th 1867

Capt. Chas Baughaf
Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to return herewith for correction your Property Papers for the month of January 1867.

Fuel should be expended on Abstract "F," the Surgeon in charge of the Hospital should furnish you with duplicate Requisitions for the fuel used in the Hospital and you will sight Requisitions for the fuel used in your Office the same as you would if drawing it from a Quartermaster. One copy of each Requisition should accompany the Abstract.

Coffins should be expended on Abst "L," the Abstract to be accompanied by a certificate from the Surgeon in charge of this Hospital, stating that the Coffins were actually used in burying deceased destitute Refugees and Freedmen.

All Property purchased by this Bureau is property pertaining to the Bureau and care should be taken to rule out the word "Quartermaster" where it appears on either Returns or Vouchers and "Stores pertaining to the Bureau R.F. and A.L." inserted instead as has been done on one of the enclosed copies.

Your Clothing Return is correct except that the Receipt Rolls should be numbered 1–2 and 3 and the clothing issued on each Expended in seperate

columns on the Return.

The number of the Rolls to be placed in the column marked "No. of Roll" on the Return.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

59½ Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Asst. Commr
Little Rock, Ark.
Feby 28th 1867

Capt. Chas Baughaf
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith

Captain

The bearers hereof Abram Colby, Geo Sanders, and Charles Martin, Colored men visit Fort Smith and vicinity to select site for a large colony of colored people who are to come from Georgia.

General Ord directs that you afford them all the facilities in your power towards the end in view, and make special report of the result of their investigations to this office.

I am very respectfully &c.
(Sgd.) John Tyler
A.A.A.G.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock Ark. Feby 18, 1867.

Capt. Chas Baughaf
Supt B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to inclose one Ck. on Merchants National Bk. of Little Rock for Five hundred & forty two Dollars ($542[00]) in payt of following vouchers.

Martha Green	$10	J. A. Hammersly	97 50
Anton Reis	60	John Blank	10
Willard Ayers	40	Genther & Trautman	28
W. H. Bailey	20	Willard Ayers	376 50

The voucher of John Vaughan & Co. spoken of in your letter of Feby 1st 67. not received at this office

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Sgd) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark.
February 21, 1867

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day mailed to your address (19) ten copies of Circulars No. 5. Current Series. The Asst Commissioner directs that you send a copy to the Civil magistrates in your

district

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43d U.S. Infantry
A.A.A.G.

To
Captain Chas. Baughaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermasters and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Feby 18, 1867.

Capt. Chas. Baughaf
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith triplicate receipts for Seven 70/100 Dollars ($7[70]) Amount of R. and F. Funds received from you this day

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

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B. R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. & Ind. Trr.
Quartermasters and Disbursing Office
Little Rock Ark, Feby. 22d. 1867.

Capt. Chas. Bauskat
Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

Your Account Current for month of October 1866. exhibits a balance of three & 30/100 Dollars ($3 30) which you will please render account for

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A. Q. M.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. March 1. 1867.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

General

I have the honor to report the following Business transacted during the month of February 1867.

No. of Orphans to whom Rations were issued 5
" " Rations issued to Orphans
" " " " " Hospital
" " " " " Employees
Total

Cash value of Rations issued to Orphans
" " " " " " Hospital
" " " " " " Employees
Total

No. of Refugees under Medical Treatment
" " Freedmen " " "
Total

I approved 5 Contracts during the month. A considerable number of Freedmen are working small tracts of land, upon their own responsibility. Labor is, therefore, very scarce

A few days since 5 Freedmen arrived here, from Grayson County Texas. They were driven out of said place by ex rebels. Some of the Freedmen had, according to their own statements, very narrow escapes, they having been fired upon by these lawless white men.

The Freedmen at this place are now pretty well protected by the Civil authorities ~~at this place~~, which is not the case near Ozark and Roseville, about 60 miles South East from here, in Franklin County.

One Harriette Egan, Freedwoman, complained, a short time since, that

65 she had been working 10 months for one V.V. Milor. and he said Milor, refused to pay her wages, $50.00 I turned the case over to U.K. Spanglir, Justice of the Peace, who tried the case, and said Harriett Egan lost the same. In my opinion she did not have justice done her, not by the J.P., but by this V.V. Milor, who claimed having left certain articles, (Liquor among others) in her charge; and that the articles were gone, without his consent.

I shall, according to Circular No. 2. dated Office of Asst. Commissioner, Little Rock, Ark. January 7. 1867., take up the case for trial, myself, and in due time inform the General of its result.

There is still a large number of destitute Refugees and Freedmen in and about Fort Smith. The state of health is much improving.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Chas. Bangha.
Capt 5th U.S.C.C.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark, March 1, 1867.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Genral

I have the honor to report, that in the month of February, 1867., I approved one Indenture of Apprenticeship:

Milly McCoy, Indentured by her Father & Mother, Adam & Mary McCoy; to J. C. Robinson & wife, Chickasaw Academy, C. N.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Capt. 5th U. S. C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 4th 1867.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S.A.:
Asst. Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genral

I have the honor, to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated Office Asst Commissioner Little Rock, Ark. February 25th 1867. and in reply would most respectfully state: the number of families who settled under the Act, known as the "Homestead Law" is twenty two. Their intention is, to take up 80 acres of Land; which lies in Franklin County: Township, Range &c.

I am, as yet, unable to answer.

Entries at the Landoffice, of this District, have not been made, because the same is not open yet: the Landoffice is supposed to be in Clarksville. The lands were not surveyed since being selected, the surveyor of Franklin County will not work and it is my opinion dont know anything about surveying: he is a resident of Ozark and told me, when I wanted him to work for the colored people, selling on Govrt. lands, that he was elected without his knowledge. The lands now occupied by these Colored people, is land which was never entered, a few heads of families, bought small tracts of improved land in order to have 80 acres of their own.

The soil is good, also the water, of which is plenty, and sufficient good timber. There is a great deal of very good Govt. land in this and Scott County, of which I will make a report, as soon as Mr Smoot, an old experienced Surveyor, returns, he is now showing land to the Freedmen who came from Ga.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 3rd U. S. C. C.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. March 1st 1867.

E. D. C. Ord
Bvt. Major Gene. U. S. A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

General

I have the honor to submit to you, Reports and Returns for the month of February 1867:

Monthly Reports of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles Hired and Employed
" " " Indentures, Made or Approved
" Returns " C. W. & Stores
" " " Clothing, Camp & Garrison Equipage

and Vouchers for J. A. Hammersly, J. R. Kennedy, Matthias Ault, Clubon Weis, Willard Ayers, W. W. Bailey, Gunther & Frautman, Henry Williams, Josiah Blount, and Martha Dean

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bangham
Capt. 5th U. S. C. T.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Head Qrs. Post of Fort Smith Ark.
March 2d 1867.

Capt. Chas Bauzhaf
Supt. B. of R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir:

I am directed by the Col. Commdg. to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of this date, requesting that two horses be furnished to Freedmen from Georgia, who desire to visit the Government Land in this and Scott County, which the wish to secure for a Negro Colony.

In reply I am instructed to say, that Lt. Miner A.A.A.G. Dist of Fort Smith, has been directed to furnish these horses with the understanding that if they sustain any injury while in charge of the Freedmen, the damage will be charged to the Freedmens Bureau.

The use of Public animals in this instance is authorized upon instructions received from Dept. Commander directing that every facility be granted the parties to carry out their intentions of Coloniza-tion

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
(Sgd.) Alfred Fredberg
1st Lieut 19 U.S. Infty
Act Post Adjt.

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Office Supt. B. of R. F. & a. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. March 2nd 1867.

Henry Stagg
Bt. Lieut. & A.A.G.M.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Property Papers for January 1867., Corrected; except that I do not understand what is meant by the indorsement, on voucher to Abstract D.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas Bangham
Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Supt. Bs. of R.F. & a.L.

April 3rd 1867
Recd. Circular Letter inclosing
Circulars Nos. 6. 7. 9. & 10. 1867
Acknowledged receipt

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark.
~~October~~ 26th 1867

Capt. Chas. Banghaf U.S.C.
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark.

Capt.

I am instructed by the Assistant-Commissioner to address you some inquiries about the Colony of Freedmen in the vicinity of Fort Smith. The presumption is that they have settled under what is known as the "Homestead Law," and in compliance with its requisitions, on United States lands; but in order to assure himself of that fact more fully, and that nothing has been in any way left for future question of their title to the lands entered on, the Assistant Commissioner desires specific replies to the following questions:

1st What number of families are located on homesteads, and whether of forty or eighty acres each?

2nd In what County, Township, Range &c. is the Colony located?

3rd When, and at what Land Office were the entries made?

4th Were the lands surveyed since being selected, and if so by whom? or what means, if any, of settling the boundary lines and location of the lands and of distinguishing whether the parties are on United States lands, Railroad lands, Swamp lands, or lands owned by non-residents? What is the general character of the lands as to soil, water, timber &c?

Also if other lands are in the vicinity that you know of, subject to Homestead entry; and what kind, amount &c.

Your reply to this communication is desired as soon as possible.

I am very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infty
A.A.A. General

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Charles Banzhaf
Supt. B. of R. & and A.L.

Sir

I reply to your communication of the 25th February last beg-leave to say, that in view of the large indebtedness of our City, and the limited means of raising revenue at the time we reconstructed our Municipal regulations, and large amount of outlay of money last Summer on account of cleansing our City, and establishing a Medical Board of Health for alleviating the condition of our poor and destitute who were afflicted with disease during the prevalence of Cholera in our City, we were constrained from making any general provision for the poor, beyond furnishing them with Medical aid.

Respectfully Your
(Sgd.) John Stryker
Mayor

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Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office,
Feb. 26. 1867

Sir

Your Return N.T. & A.L. account for the month of January 1867 have been received at this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant
(Sgd.) A.M. Gangewer
For Auditor

Capt. Chas. Banzhaf
Fort Smith
Ark.

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B. of R. F. and A. L.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Office of Genl. Supt. of Schools
Little Rock, Ark.
March 1, 1867.

Capt. Chas. Baughat
Supt. Refugees & Freedmen
Ft. Smith, Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to inform you that no report of Schools at Ft Smith was rec'd. at this office for the month of January. Please forward the same and also report for month of February 1867. at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servt
(sgd.) Wm. M. Colby
Genl. Supt. of Schools, Ark.

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B. R. F. and A. L.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory.
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,
Little Rock, Ark. March 8th 1867

Sir

You will please forward to this Office immediately, a requisition for the necessary authorized Blank books for use in your Office, which will be forwarded to you on receipt thereof.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.Q.M.

Capt. Chas. Baughat
Supt. &c.
Fort Smith
Arkansas

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For Arkansas & Indian Territory
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. March 5th 1867.

Capt. Chas. Bauchaf — U. S. C.
Agent, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain

In reply to yor communication of the 27th ult. forwarding affidavits in the case of the shooting of Wash Douglass, Colored, by John Porter, a policeman, and reporting thereon, I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that this case is properly within the jurisdiction of the civil authorities and that your action, without special instructions from this office, will be confined to an advisory one, endeavoring to induce the local authorities to administer impartial justice. Please report the final result of the case, or sooner, if the circumstances, in your opinion, warrant it.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(sgd.) [illegible]
1st Lieut 13th U. S. Infantry.
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 7th 1867.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
Asst. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Genral!

I would most respectfully report to you, that in Scott County Ark. south of Fort Smith, and joining this County (Sebastian) is at present, an organized Band of circa 70 men, of which, one William Gibson, and Isaac Bagwell are the leaders; both of them bear notorious characters, during the War, fighting in the Brush, and killing Union people at home.

The Band was organized under the pretence of exterminating horse thieves.

Within the past month four men,— James Dunn, Wm. Gunter, —— Baly, and —— Gibson, all of them served in the U.S. Vols. were killed, by direction of Wm. Gibson and Isaac Bagwell; they also notified the loyal people in that County, to leave as soon as possible.

Two men, Joseph Aldridge, and Harlin Barnard, are now in Fort Smith, they served during the War, in the U.S. Vols. they were notified to leave Scott County at once, H. Barnard was fired upon, by one of that Band, while working in his yard.

I would most respectfully ask the General for instructions

I have the honor to remain
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf Capt 6th U.S.C.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

B. of L. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
March 12, 1867.

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U. S. A.
Asst. Comr. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Genral

I have the honor to report, that Mr Smoot, the Gentleman who undertook the location of lands, for the proposed Colony from Georgia, has returned from a tour through Sebastian and Scott Counties and reports having made several selections of 80 acre tracts of land in Sebastian Co. and ascertained that there is a large amount of vacant land in Scott County, subject to the provisions of the "Homestead Law."

Owing to the inclemency of the weather the delegation did not get to view a great deal of the lands, but expresses themselves as fully satisfied, so far as they had an opportunity to observe.

The lands spoken of are, as a general thing, well timbered. Good water can be obtained by digging wells. The soil will compare favorably with any in the State

I am, Genl, Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Chas Bonesteel.
Capt 2d U. S. C.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
March 13th 1867.

John Tyler
1st Lieut 43d U.S.A.
A.A.A. Genl.
B. of R.F. & A.L.
Lieut:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular Ltr from your Office, dated February 28th 1867. and would most respectfully ask to have the form therein spoken of sent to me, in order to go to work at once.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas Bamhaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Agnt B. of R.F. & A.L.

Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
March 13th 1867.

Wm M Colby
Genl Supt Schools, Ark.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir

I would most respectfully inform you that, for the want of proper blanks, I am unable to send you consolidated reports of Schools.

If you desire such reports, please send me the necessary blanks, and I will make them out, and forward to you immediately.

There are, at present, two Schools for Colored Children, in this place: one has 14 and the other 37 Scholliars enrolled.

Mrs. Nickell's School, of 5 orphan white children, has ceased; she contemplates giving them up to persons, who will take them into their families and care for them.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bamhaf
Capt 5th U.S.C.
Agnt B. of R.F. & A.L.

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B. R. F. and A. L.
For Ark. and Ind. Territory
Little Rock. Ark. Mch 12th 1867

Capt Chas. Baughof
Supt R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Dr Sir

Inclosed herewith I hand you Abstract D for January 1867. and a voucher to abst D. for same month for your signature.

In cases where there is two or more vouchers relating to the same abstract they must be entered on the abstract to which they relate.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
(Sgd.) W. A Patterson
Clk for Col. Sage

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B. of R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. and Ind. Territory
Office of Asst. Comr.
Little Rock, Ark. March 9th 1867

Capt. Chas Baughof V. R. C.
Agent at Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 4th i. st. relative to the Freedman's colony. In reply thereto I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that it is quite important to ascertain the Township, Range and Section numbers of the land occupied by the colony and to request that you

will, if possible, obtain and report without delay the information desired.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infantry
Actg Asst. Adjt Genl.

B. of R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. and Ind
Little Rock. Ark.
March 12th 1867

83 Circular Letter

Sir

The assistant Commissioner that you cause Circulars No. 7 Current Series to be published twice as an advertisement in the newspaper in your County having the largest circulation. Receipted Bills of the publisher, in duplicate, for this advertisement will be rendered direct to this office for payment, each bill accompanied with a copy of advertisement

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S Infty.
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

Capt. Chas Baughof
Agent &c
Fort Smith Ark.

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Bureau of R. F. and A. L.
For Ark. and Ind. Territory
Little Rock, Ark.
March 9th 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you, that Circulars No. 30. Series of 1866 from this office has not been suspended by any Circulars recently issued.

The military Commanders at Camden Washington and Batesville are, however as Supervisory Agents of the Bureau, authorized to judge of the necessity for retaining prisoners arrested in their districts, and when Agents request force with which to make arrests, they will, each in their respective districts, be judge of the necessity.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43d U.S. Infty.
A.A.A.G.

To
Capt. Chas Baughaf
Agent Fort Smith Ark.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. March 13th 1867

Capt Chas Baughaf
Supt &c. Fort Smith Ark.

Capt

I inclose herewith my check no. 234 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark. for the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars, in payment of accounts as follows:

Anton Reis	Feby rmtt.		$60.00
W. Ayers	"	Services	40.00
W. W. Bailey	"	"	20.00
H. Williams	"	"	20.00
J. Blank	"	"	10.00
W. Green	"	"	10.00
			160.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

When you issue vouchers on your form 2. you should enter under the head of remarks opposite the names in rmtt. — "voucher given".

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

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War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Disbursing Officer,
Washington Feby. 26th 1867.

Capt. Chas. Bingham
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir:

Your money accounts for the month of January 1867 on account of Refugees and Freedmen's Fund have been received at this Office

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Geo. D. Balloch
Bvt. Brig. Gen., and Chief D. O.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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B. of R. F. & A. L.
For Ark. & Ind. Ter.
Little Rock, Ark. March 16th 1867

Capt. Chas. Bingham U.S.C.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain.

I enclose herewith a list of names of the colonists who are to come from Green County Georgia and locate near Fort Smith, for the information of Mr Smoot the Surveyor in preparing their papers.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Jno Sayler
1st Lieut 43d U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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For Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Office of Asst. Comr.
Little Rock, Ark.
March 16th 1867.

Capt. Chas. Banghaf V.R.C.
Agent Bureau R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst. reporting the existance of an organized band of which one William Gibson is leader and which has committed several murders and outrages in Scott County.

In reply thereto I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that no action can be taken upon reports of murders and outrages when presented in the shape of simple statements, but the reports must be in the form of affidavits which prove the parties charged with the offence to be criminals, as directed in circulars No. 30. Series of 1866. You should therefore in this and all similar cases require persons who prefer the complaints to make their statements under solemn oath and upon the bible.

In this case you will procure the affidavits as above directed and submit a copy to the Commanding Officer Post of Fort Smith and forward a copy to this office whereupon immediate action will be taken. Circular No. 30. ~~will~~ which is still in force provides in detail for your action.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
1st Lieut 3d U.S. Infantry, Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl

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Bureau of R.F. & A.L.
For Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Office of Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. March 15. 1867.

Captain Charles Bamhof
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Capt.

I have the honor to inform you that the three colored men from Georgia who have been looking at lands near Fort Smith, have arrived here bringing your letter of the 12th inst. and good report of their investigation.

They are suited with the lands they saw and wish Mr. Smoot to make the surveys and do all he can towards completing the entries at once, upon the terms he stated viz: $2.00 for each 80 acre tract to be paid for by them ~~colony~~; also as soon as the Clarksville Land Office is opened, to perfect the entries.

A report of the urgent necessity for the opening of this Land office is made to Washington and it is expected that arrangements for locating lands will soon be made by the opening of the Clarksville office, or its consolidation with the Little Rock Office. If Abram Colby, (one of the three colored men, just returned from Fort Smith) should learn any thing of importance relative to the colony from Washington, or the Colonists, he will communicate with you, and should Mr. Smoot desire to write to write to the Colonists he can reach them by addressing Mr. Abram Colby, care of John J. Dougherty Esq. Greensborough, Green Co. Georgia.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Jno Tyler
1st Lt. 13th U.S. Infty A.A.A. Genl.

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Bureau R.F. and A.L.
For Ark. and Ind. Ter.
Quartermasters and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. March 15, 1867.

Circular Letter

Officers of this Bureau who issue vouchers for the purchase of property are hereby cautioned of the importance of stating explicitly on the face of the voucher for what purpose the articles are purchased, to enable the Department at Washington to charge the cost of the articles against the proper appropriation.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

Capt. Chas. Bamhof
Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 27th 1867.

John Tyler
1st Lieut 43d U.S. Infty.
A. A. A. Genl. B. of R. F. & A. L.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the rcpt. of your Communication of the 9th inst. and in reply would most respectfully inform you that Mr. Smoot the Surveyor will at once go to work on the Colony in Franklin County, to ascertain the Township, Range, Section etc. of the land taken up by the Cold People. the result I will report to you, as soon as possible.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 5th U.S.C.T.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
March 28th 1867.

A. D. C. Ord
Bvt. Major Genl. U.S. Army
Asst Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication of the 16th inst. referring me to Circular No. 30. Series of 1867. in regard to an organized Band in Scott County.

In reply, I would most respectfully state, that the men who reported the circumstances to me, have left Fort Smith some time ago, and I heard of no further disturbance in Scott County.

I am Genl. very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf Capt. 5th U.S.C.T.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

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B. of R. F. & A. L.
Ft. Ark. and Indian Territory
Little Rock, Ark. March 21st 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that he wishes the Agents of the Bureau to render such service as they can, consistent with their other duties in obtaining recruits for the 10th Regiment U. S. Cavalry (Colored). When it comes to the knowledge of any Agent that there are colored men suitable for and desiring to enlist in this regiment, he will at once report the facts by telegraph or letter to Capt. J. N. Walsh, 10th U. S. Cavalry, Little Rock Arkansas.

All recruits must be at least 5 feet 6 inches high. Capt. Walsh will soon furnish the Agents a few posters giving all the terms of an enlistment. Any expenses incurred by telegraphing or otherwise, in obtaining recruits will be paid by Capt. Walsh.

Agents will inform the colored men through the medium of their preachers that recruits are wanted for this regiment and the manner of effecting an enlistment.

I am very respectfully
your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Jno. Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

To
Capt. Chas. Banghaf
Agent
Fort Smith
Arkansas

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War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
Office, Chief Quartermaster,
Washington, March 21st 1867.

Sir:

Your Property accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of February 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

Remarks
No order authorizing the purchases reported on Abstract "D" received, required

By order of Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Comr.
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry M. Whittlesey
Bvt. Brig. Genl.
and Chief Q. M.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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B of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 1st 1867

E.O.C.Ord
Bt. Maj. Genl U.S. Army
Asst. Comr. B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

General:

I have the honor to submit to you Reports and returns for the month of March 1867:

Monthly Reports of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles Hired and Employed
" " " Indentures, made or Approved
" Returns " B.R.F. & A.L. Stores
Quarterly " " " " " " " "
" " " Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage
Monthly " " " " " " "

and vouchers as follows:

J.A. Hammersly, Andrew Iris, Gunther & Trautman, Jno. R. Smoot } W.W. Bailey, Henry Williams, Fuller & McKibben

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
Chas. Banzhaf.
Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 1st 1867

E. O. C. Ord
Bvt. Major Genl U. S. Army
Asst Commissr B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

General:

I have the honor to report the following Business transacted during the month of March 1867.

No. of Orphans who received rations 5
" " Rations issued to Orphans 155
" " " " " Hospital 301
" " " " " Employees 124
Total 580

Cash value of Rations issued to Orphans $19.76¼
" " " " " " Hospital 38 3/4
" " " " " " Employees 15.81
Total 73.96

No. of Refugees under Medical treatment 10
" " Freedmen " " " 10
Total 20

I approved 7 contracts during the month should have approved several more but could not go to the Plantations, on account of wet & unfavorable weather

In regard to ascertaining the proportionate increase or decrease, in the births, and deaths among the freed people, I progress but slowly, and will have to go throughout the country myself, in order to accomplish something.

The demand of Rations, by white Refugees, is getting perfectly alarming; a great number of them are returning from Kansas & Texas. The Presiding Officer, at Fort Smith issues Rations to those whom I recommend, but there are many I know nothing about.

and it is my opinion that they suffer, from the want of food.

The Civil authorities cant do anything for their poor. (Enclosed please find a copy of letter from the Mayor of the City.)

At present is but a small school of colored children (14.) here. A colored man attempted to teach about 50 children, but he is not competent, and I advised him to work at something else.

The Freed people are doing pretty well, in this and the joining Counties. since they cannot draw any more Rations. The Colored man Wesley Douglas, who was shot some time ago, by a Policeman is well again.

I am Genl.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf.
Capt. 3rd U.S.C.C.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

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B. of R.F. & A.L.
Ft Smith, Ark.
April 3rd 1867

Genl:

Circulars No. 6, 7, 9, & 10. 1867.
Acknowledged receipt.

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War Department
Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Washington, March 4, 1867

Mr. J. A. Hammerly is hereby appointed a Clerk in the Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands in the State of Arkansas, at a Salary of twelve hundred dollars ($1200) per annum. This appointment is made under the provisions of an Act to continue in force the Bureau passed July 16th 1866, and will take effect September 28th 1866 and remain in force until revoked by orders from this office. The oath prescribed by law will be taken and filed in the office of the Assistant Commissioner of this Bureau for the State of Arkansas

By order of
Major General O. O. Howard, Commissioner

(Sgd.) A. P. Ketchum
Actg. Assistant Adjutant General

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Little Rock Ark. April 1st 1867

Capt. Lucius Barnhart
Agent Bu of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Arkansas

Capt.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th inst. regarding your purchase vouchers for the months of Feby. 1867. and in reply would respectfully state that the vouchers mentioned are now in this office and will be paid as soon as your Abstract of Purchase vouchers issued for Feby. 1867. is received

I am Capt
very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.

Apr. 5, 67.
The above requirements were complied with

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For Arkansas and Indian Territory

Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office

Little Rock Ark. April 13th 1866.

To

Capt. Chas. Bingham

Supt.-R. F. & A. L.

Capt.:

I received herewith

blank and amount of stationery, as per which upon requisition of April 1st Calls. Also Invoices and Blank Rolls for same

Please sign and return rolls. at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Henry Stagg

Bt. Col. & A.Q.M.

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Capt. Chas. Bingham

Supt. Ref. Freedmen &c.

Sir:

I have the honor to present to the Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen, the earnest prayer of about one hundred and fifty (150) families of Freedmen for a temporary supply of agricultural and other appliances which are most needed for subduing and making farms on the unappropriated lands owned by the United States in the State of Arkansas.

These Freedmen with their families, are moving into the wilderness, and are glad to accept and improve the lands which the white sellers and speculators have refused. They are animated by the cheering prospect—

of acquiring homes of their own, and making of themselves a self-~~sustaining~~ supporting agricultural people. They have a thankful appreciation of the benificent provisions of the late Homestead Act of Congress approved June 21st 1866, whereby each person of the proper age or head of a family, is allowed to possess and enjoy an eighty acre tract of the National Domain.

Having been trained to the labors of the field, they are well qualified to wield the axe and the hoe, and to manage the plow. Their chief deficiency is in the want of that steadiness of purpose which is an essential quality of the successful man of business. They have not been educated in the arts of business management. This important quality of a freeman they must yet acquire. In their slave condition they had no incentive to acquire it.

A consequence of their deficiency in this particular is seen in the fact that, although they have been toiling for some time as a freed people in the service of the Whites, they are yet very destitute of necessaries of life. They "went empty" from the homes of their former owners, and unaided by Education for the new condition in which the White mans quarrel has thrust them. But being a patient and passive people, they are to day just what their White superiors have made them. They are the "Clay in the hands of the potter"; and the responsibilities of their condition, character and destiny are largely not their own, but mate up a heavy amount of the superior White mans reckoning at the tribunal of the Almighty who is "no respecter of persons."

~~Use their~~ future relations to the ruling class of citizens, the Negros may be drones, paupers and criminals producing continual disturbance or unrestiness in the State, and be a heavy expense upon the Government on the score of criminal prosecutions, or they may be a highly useful industrial community rendering a just share of the taxes required for the common weal.

That they are capable of becoming a prosperous and producing free people among us, is to be assumed; and this is the assumption which must shape our action towards them until the proof of their incapacity in a state of freedom is demonstrated beyond all reasonable doubt.

But it is manifestly unfair and cruel to compel them to a trial of their capacity on terms which would not be deemed equitable and just for White people in similar circumstances.

All the European adventurers who came as the pioneer settlers of America, embarked in their enterprise with a good supply of materials necessary to start with, and set them up in the new colonies that were founded by them; and in some instances, colonial grants of supplies were directed to these purposes were made for several years, in aid of the Colonists.

It is a matter of the utmost importance to the true interests of these Freedmen, that they be not assisted too much. They must be allowed a fair chance for the development of self-support. They are not to be reduced into the way of idleness and dependence on others. Only such a measure of aid should be given as is really necessary to start them in the profitable career of a self-supporting industry.

But if in their present state of destitution, they should not be assisted at all, there is great danger that the task of settlement in the unsubdued wilderness will be entirely too much for them: and in their discouragement they will yield to despair, and perish under the inevitable hardships and privations of the forrest. In such a result their failure and sufferings would be in consequence of the White man's neglect of them; and the disaster, in a measure, would be the White man's blame.

The articles for which these destitute and homeless out-casts plead are only such implements as are required for felling the trees constructing their tenements and rendering the land fit for tillage. But as they cannot be expected to make their farms and subsist their families at the same time, they ought to be furnished also with a moderate amount of subsistence at a suitable time within the compass of the first two years of their settlement on the public lands.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Francis Springer
Ost Chaplain

Note

The above Document was forwarded to Gen. E.D. Townsend and was returned to Capt. Chas. Bingham, Agent B. of R. F. & A. L., Fort Smith Ark., with April 15 1866, with the following Indorsements viz:

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Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Jany 8th 1866

Respectfully returned to Bt. Maj. A.P. Ketchum

A.A.A.Genl. with the suggestion that there is no authority for furnishing the agricultural implements and subsistence within referred to, nor has any appropriation been made by Congress to meet expenses of this character. The giving of transportation to Freedmen to points where lands have been entered for them under the provisions of the Homestead Act of June 21st 1866 requires a liberal construction of the Act making appropriations for the support of this Bureau. If, however, sound policy requires that the freedmen settlers on Govt. lands should be assisted in the manner within indicated, it is respectfully suggested that application should be made to Congress for the necessary legislation on the subject.

(Sgd.) Wm. M. Whittlesey
Bt. Brig. Gen. and Chief C.C.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.

C.M.L. = 1870

War Department
Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Washington, January 7th 1867.

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Brig. Gen. W.M. Whittlesey Chief C.C. Bureau R.F. & A.L. for remarks.

By order of Maj. Gen. Howard
(Sgd.) C.H. Ketchum
Acting Asst Adjt. Genl.

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War Department
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington Jan. 10, 67.

Respectfully returned to Bvt. Maj. Genl. Edward O. C. Ord, Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, whose attention is invited to the endorsement of Bvt. Brig. Genl. W.M. Whittlesey, Chief C.C., on these papers.

By order of
Major General Howard
(Sgd.) A.P. Ketchum
Bvt. Maj. & Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Washington Feb. 4. 1867.

Genl. E.D.L. Ord
Asst. Comr. Ark.
Dear General.

I have a fund placed in my hands by private parties to aid colord people in getting public lands.

I propose to assist in purchasing land & implements of husbandry.

Please send a perfectly honest and trustworthy officer to Fort Smith and arrange to procure lands and implements for the destitute settler to the amount not exceeding one thousand dollars - so try to send me such vouchers & sub-vouchers as will enable me to make a clear exhibit & assure the donors of proper expenditure. Make the purchase when you deem best. I will meet the account by ~~proper~~ prompt payment.

(Sgd.) O. O. Howard
Maj. Gen.
Commissioner &c.

Recd. at Office B. of R. F. & A. L. Fort Smith Ark. April 15th 1867. with the following endorsement viz:

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
State of Arkansas
Little Rock Ark.
April 11th 1867.

Respectfully referred to Capt. Chas. Baughaf V. R. C. Agent at Fort Smith, who will, if the necessities of the Fort Smith Colony need aid from the Government, ascertain and report in detail their wants - the number and kind of implements etc to supply which will not require more than $1000. the amount

mentioned in the Commissioners letter enclosed. These papers to be returned with report by letter.

By command of
Col. C.H. Smith, 28th U.S. Infantry
Asst Commissioner
(Sgd.) John Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Ft. Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark. April 11th 1867

Circular Letter

Sir:

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that this office is in frequent receipt of applications for clerkships from persons not qualified for the position for which they apply, and if you should at any time be in need of a good clerk, request therefor may be made to this office, and endeavors will be made to provide such.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.

(Sgd.) John Tyler
1st Lieut. 43rd U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

To
Capt. Wm. Baughaf
Agent
Fort Smith
Arkansas

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, & Abandoned Land,
For the State of Arkansas.
Office of Superintendent of Education,
Little Rock, Ark. April 15th 1866.

Capt. Chas. Banyhaf.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to state that a plan for a School house for freedmen at Ft. Smith will be submitted as soon as I am officially informed that a suitable Site has been secured in fee Simple by the parties interested.

I take the liberty to suggest the importance of prompt action on the part of the freedmen and their friends in the matter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
(Signed) Wm. M. Colby
Superintendent of Education.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. April 1st 1867.

Capt. Wm. M. Burgraf
Agent B of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to inclose herewith CK on March Nat. B'K. of this City for Two hundred & seventeen $\frac{44}{100}$ dollars. ($217.44) in payment of the following vouchers, viz—

Jno. F. Smoot	$19 64	W. W. Bailey	$ 20 —
Anton Reis	60 —	Henry Williams	20 —
J. A. Hammersly	97 80		

a deduction of 3% Int. Rev. Tax has been made in the voucher of J. F. Smoot

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Wm. Sage
Lt. Col. & A. D. C.

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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas & Indian Territory
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Apl 18. 1867

Capt. Chas. Baughaf
Agent R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to inform you that purchase vouchers issued by you during months of February and March 1867 are in this Office and will not be paid until Circular Letter dated R. F. & A. L. For Arkansas and Indian Territory, Office of Asst Comr. Little Rock, Ark. Apl 6th, 1867 has been complied with

I am very respy
(Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A. A. G.

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Office B of F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 27th 1867.

C. H. Smith
Col. 2 S.C. Vol. Inf. Infantry
Asst. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col:

In compliance with Circular Letter dated B. of R.F. & A. L. for Arkansas, Office of Asst. Commissioner Little Rock Ark. April 10th 1867. I would most respectfully state, that the number of people, now actually suffering from the want of food, in this and the joining Counties, are (300) three hundred adults, and (500) five hundred children, under 14 years of age.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
Capt. 5th U.S. Inf.
Agent B. of R.F. & A. L.

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Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 27th 1867.

Lt. H. Smith
Col. 28th U.S. Infantry
Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dat. April 18th 1867. and in reply, would most respectfully state, that I made all the inquiry in my power in regard to Mrs. Ellen J. Wharton's case, but was unable to find any one who knows anything about the Freedmens Bureau Office having been at any other Building, but Mr. George S. Bizzell's and since the 1st of October 1866 in Dr. Wm. H. Bailey. Francis Springer, Post Chaplain at this place, who was the first Agent B. of R.F. & A.L. at this place, is at present absent with leave.

I am Col.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant

Capt. 5th U.S.A.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

No 8 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Ark.
April 22nd 1867

Circular Letter

Sir

I am instructed by the Assistant Commissioner to furnish you with the following extract from letter of Henry A. Brigg, of Jefferson City, Mo. dated April 9th 1867. with directions that you make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the children and report as soon as practicable whether the children can be found:—

"My object in addressing you is to restore some children to their parents. In August, 1864. five children, black or nearly so, were taken by bushwhackers from their then owners, John Stanly, living 16 miles from Jefferson City, Mo. They are supposed to have been taken to Arkansas. I give names and approximate ages.

They are well grown for their age.

Girl Virginia about 14 or 15 years
" Lucy " 12 " 13 "
" Fannie " 11 " 12 "
Boy Spencer " 9 " 10 " "
Tom small boy, probably 5 to 7 years

The first four children are sisters & brother, Their fathers name is Coleman, a black man over fifty years of age, and for a number of years employed as Porter at McCarty's Hotel in this place. The boy Tom is not of the same ~~family~~ immediate family though taken from the

same place and said
owner at the time
Coleman is a very worthy
old man."

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

(Sgd.) Jno Tyler.
1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

To
Capt. Elias Baughaf
Agent
Fort Smith
Arkansas

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Bureau Refugees.
Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas and Indian Territory
D.M. & D.O. Little Rock Apl. 11, 1867.

To

Capt Chas. C. Bingham
Supt R.F. and A.L.
Capt.

Your Return of Stores and C.E. and L.E. for the month of March are rec. and will be forwarded when triplicate copy of Clothing is rec. See Circular. J. dated Washington March 9th 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col & A.A.G.M.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark. ~~April~~ May 1. 1867

Lt. H. Smith
Col. 28th U.S. Infantry
Asst. Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to report that, in the month of April 1867. I approved one Indenture of Apprenticeship:

Josephine Fullen, Indentured to Chas. E. Pinckney, by her mother America Johnson, and Step-Father Jesse Johnson, All the parties reside in Crawford County Ark.

Very Col.

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.

Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
April 27th 1867.

C. A. Smith
Col. 28th U. S. Infantry
Asst Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communication, dated April 11th 186[illegible], and in reply, would most respectfully state, that I made diligent inquiry, as to what the colored people in Franklin County belong need.

Provisions would be first (now, very acceptable; they also need 18 Plows (No. 12) Cotton Hoes, 18. Double Harness, sets 18.

I am Col.
Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

Capt. 5th U. S. C.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

Office B. of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 1st 1867.

C.H. Smith
Col. 28th U.S. Infantry
Asst. Commissioner B. of R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to submit to you Reports and Returns for the month of April 1867:

Monthly Reports of Refugees
" " " Freedmen
" " " Persons and Articles, Hired and Employed
" " " Indentures, made or approved
" Returns " Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage
" " " Stores pertaining to the Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Vouchers for J. A. Harriman, Aubrey Reis, W.W. Bailey, Henry Williams, and Gunther & Isaacman.

I am Col.
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Capt. & A.A.G.
Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
April 30th 1867.

C. H. Smith
Col. 28th U. S. Infantry
Asst. Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to submit to you the following Blanks, filled up as far as I was able, to get them estimated, from the parties I sent them to. to wit: W. F. Lock, Fred Schaute, Wm. F. England C. C. Tinckney & Co. John Brown (Colored) Armistead Jones (Colored) Alfred Weaver. (Colored.)

I am Col.
Very respectfully
Your Ob'd't. Servant
(Sgd.) Chas. L. Bamgkaf
Capt. 5th U. S. C.
Agent B. of R. F. & A. L.

Office A. A. G. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
May 1st 1864

C. H. Smith.
Col. 2d U. S. Infantry
Asst Commissioner A. G. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to report the following Business transacted during the Month of April 1864:

No. of Rations issued to Hospital 400
" " " " " Employees 150
Total 550

No. of Refugees under Medical treatment 16
" " " Artificers " " " 14
Total 30

I approved three Contracts, and one Indenture of Apprenticeship during the month.

The colored people in the Fronteir County Colony, are hard at work, doing very well; and need now, besides some pillows, hoes, and harness, Provisions.

The demand for Provisions is still increasing, which will be remidied as soon as rations can be obtained from Col. Page.

There are now about 45 colored children attending School kept by one Austin Thomas, Colored, who is not at all able to teach. I would therefore very respectfully recommend, that a Teacher may be sent here.

The colored people, will in a short time, be able to buy a lot, in order to have a Schoolhouse built—

I am Col very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Capt. & A. A. G.
Chief B. of R. & A. L.

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Bureau R. F. and A. L. for Arks
Little Rock Ark May 9th 1867.

J. A. Hammerly Esq
Fort Smith Ark.

Enclosed please find Checks Nos 381 and 385, respectively for one Hundred and nineteen 19/100 Dollars and Eighty dollars, in payment of accounts as follows.

J. A. Hammerly	$99.19/100
H. Williams	$20.00
T. J. Jones	$40.00
W. Green	$10.00
G. Blackburn	$20.00
L. Mathews	$10.00

Pleas acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Prag
Bt. Col. & A. A. G. M.

Complied with — answered.
May 14, 1867
J. A. Hammerly,

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. May 19, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
A. A. G. and C. S. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to state that on my arrival here to day I find that applications are being made daily to this office for supplies to prevent actual ~~starvation~~ suffering.

I have seen McKee & Co. and have made arrangements with them to furnish corn and bacon for immediate use at the prices stated in his letter to you, dated on the 16th inst. viz:

Corn $1.75 per bushel. bacon 17 cts per lb. which is the lowest price I have found and believe you would do well to purchase of them. They will issue on orders from this office which will save storage &c. &c.

They will also furnish good new one horse plows with two extra points at $7.50 each (18 the No. required) = $135.00
Eighteen cotton hoes at one dollar each = 18.00
Eighteen double plough harness new @ $12. a set = 216.00
Total amount $369.00

I think we can get some good second hand harness which will last two or three years for a little less money, or if not, that we can get him to put in breast straps or chains which will make them answer for wagon harness also.

The Commissary of this post is absent so that I have not been able to learn what he would furnish bacon at.

If you purchase the husbandry how shall I take them up and dispose of them. I will try to get a Dr. team to take it out to the Colony

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Barker
Asst. B. R. F. & A. L.

115 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
for Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. May 20th 1867

Messrs H. E. McKee & Co.
Fort Smith Ark.

Gents.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 16th inst regarding the purchase of supplies for distribution to the destitute.

You are respectfully informed that your terms are accepted. You please deliver the articles to the agent of the Bureau at Fort Smith — Capt Bamhaf or Capt Barker — at such times and in such quantities as may be required.

Please send bill to this office for the whole amount and check in payt will be forwarded

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Signed) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

(over)

Copy furnished for the information of
Capt E. S. Barker.

(Signed) Henry Page
Bvt. Col. U. S. A. A. G.

The following articles will be furnished by H. C. Wickliffe & Co. upon your application

550 Rounds Corn @ $1 75/100 per 100 lbs.
11100 Pounds Bacon @ 1 per lb.
9 Stoves (2 Hole) " $13 00 each
9 Stoves 1 Hole " $ 7 00 "
1 Cotton Gloves " $ 1 00 "
1 Double set Iron Harness (Saddle) $12 00 per double set

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. May 31st 1867

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Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard
Comr. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In compliance with Circular No. 11. Current series, the latter part of Par. VI and Par III of instructions as to Returns I have the honor to forward returns of Corn and Bacon received and issued and remaining on hand at Fort Smith, Ark. for the month of May 1867, with Invoices, Abstracts and Vouchers.

The apparent discrepancy between the issues of Bacon and Corn is caused by issuing Bacon to some who had Corn.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. S. Barker
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark. June 3rd 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. & A.C.S. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock. Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to state that the destitution among the people of this country is very great. several persons have really died for want of food. The corn and bacon now on hand at this place will all be issued by the 15th of this month. I would respectfully request that six hundred (600) bushels of corn and four thousand (4000) pounds of pork or bacon be shipped here or purchased at this place — see enclosed propositions to furnish supplies. I think the firms equally responcible, and will deliver at such time and quantities as may be ordered from this office. Please let me hear from you at the earliest date.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. C. Baird
Agent

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
June 3rd 1867

John E. Bennett
Asst. Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that on taking charge of this office, on the 19th of May 1867. I found that great destitution prevailed through this country and the office has been crowded every day with persons applying for rations. About one third of those applying have received assistance. We have issued strictly in compliance with the Act of Congress, and instructions from Genl. Smith, Asst Commissioner, giving to only those who would suffer unless helped, and causing the applicants to show that it is by no fault of their's that they are in this destitute condition.

The number of persons really destitute, is alarming. Learning of a neighborhood, about twenty miles south of this, where extreme destitution prevails. Yesterday afternoon, Sunday, we went out to ascertain the facts. We stoped at one house where the Lady had just died for want of food, and learned that four (4) had died of starvation in the same neighborhood, and that others would go the same way if not helped soon. We returned this morning and have sent out rations to several of the most destitute families, all of which have crops growing, some have wheat that will come in by July.

Lt. Page has invoiced 550 bushels of corn and 4400 lbs. of bacon to me to be issued, and, from present indications it will all be gone by the 15th of this month (June).

I would most respectfully request that six hundred (600) bushels of corn and

four thousand (4000) pounds of Pork or Bac
(where families get milk. a small amoun
of meat will answer) be immediately ship
here, or purchased at this place, which ca
be done at the following rates viz:-
Corn $1.75 per bushel
Pork 14 cts. per. pound
Bacon 16 " " "

It is impossible to make a very accura
estimate of the amount of rations, really necess
to prevent extreme suffering in this part of the
country during the present month, but I am
inclined to think that the abov estimate is very
nearly correct.

We were only in the office three days in May
and issued rations to 46 whites 8 Indians
and 11 Freedmen

Schools

There is a Freedmens School here, taug
by Mr. Denison Howard, seventy one (71) scholl
and one in Van Buren, taught by Miss Mag
Farrar, fifty five scholars enrolled. These teach
are first class, from Iowa and have very pros
perous schools and are steadily increasing
in numbers and interest.

There is also two Sabbath Schools establish
and now in a very flourishing condition. I
attend both each sabbath, and find interest rapid
ly increasing

We are making arrangements to organize a
Temperance Society, and believe the prospect
flattering for doing some good among the
Freedmen in that respect.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

E. E. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 6. 1867

Gen. Colby
Supt. Freedmens Schools for Ark.
Little Rock, Ark

Sir.

I have the honor to state that the schools at this place and Van Buren are in a very flourishing condition. Miss Farrar, and Mr. Howard, are both excellent teachers, and appear to be really awake and interested in the cause, and their Schools are increasing in numbers and interest. and, I think will soon pay their way very well. A little drilling on that branch (in which I will try to be an assistant teacher) will bring them up all right, notwithstanding the very hard times.

In addition to the day Schools, there is one night school. There is also two Sabbath Schools here and one at Van Buren, all of which are well attended, and very interesting. I attend the two in this place and add what little I can to make them beneficial and interesting.

We are making arrangements for organizing a Temperance Society among the Freedmen and believe the prospect flattering for doing good in that direction.

There is about half enough money subscribed to purchase a site for a Scool House, but I fear that the balance cannot be raised, and hope that you will succeed in getting a lot from the Government soon, so that a School house may be completed in time for the fall term to commence.

This is the most inviting field for doing good, that I have seen in the State.

With kind regards to all

I am very respectfully
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 8, 186

Capt. Chas. E. Berry

Sir:

Learning that you liv in the neighborhood of a little colony of freedmen, who have settled on land under the Homestead Act, and that you are a friend and well wisher to them, I will take the liberty of writing you concerning their welfare. Will you please to see the persons, whose names are enclosed, and say to them that we have at this office 18 plows, 18 cotton hoes and 18 set of plow harness, to be distributed among them. and if any of them are really suffering for something to eat we can let them have a little corn and meat, that is if they could come after it, before it is all issued to others parties however, if they can get along without really suffering for something to eat we could not let them have any corn and meat, for so many are starving that it will take more than we have on hands for that class

We would have brought those farming utensils down before this but for the great rush of business in the office, which has made it impossible to get away, and if they can rig up a couple of two horse trains and come up themselves they had better do it without waiting longer on us, for they ought to have had them two months ago.

If they conclude to come, let three or four of the most intelligent and reliable men come, with authority from the others, to sign the receipts for what we send the others who do not come. By doing this way they will save a great deal of time and will get the things just the same.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your Obt. Svt.

E G Beebe

Agent Bureau R.F. & A.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
June 11th 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I would respectfully state that the burying of those who die in the R.F. & A.L. Hospital, and others, whose friends are utterly unable to inter them, is becoming a matter of some importance at this place, and there appears to be no instructions or understanding as to ~~not~~ how this shall be done. This office has neither transportation nor Coffins at our disposal, and to hire them from citizens, as best we can, at such prices as they may choose, would be a very uncertain and expensive manner of doing business.

The Quartermaster of this Post has furnished, by request from this office, Coffins and transportation in a few cases since I have been on duty here, but this morning, on request, refused to do so, but on having a personal interview with Col. Jones, Commander of the Post, he spoke of the uncertain and illegal manner in which it has hitherto been conducted, but very kindly agreed to furnish transportation and Coffins on request from this office until we could get instructions from your Office.

I would therefor respectfully ask that you forward, with as little delay as possible, the desired information, and would also beg leave to suggest that it would be much cheaper, more certain, and a great deal less trouble, for the Quartermaster of this Post, to furnish the aforesaid Coffins and transportation, on request from this office, and the accounts could be paid, if necessary, out of the Bureau fund each month.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
your obt. Servt.
E. G. Parker
Agent B. R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark. June 14, 186

Capt. Chas. E. Berry
Late Capt. U. S. A.
Ozark, Ark.

Sir:

I would most respectfully request that you distribute the Articles of Husbandry, which I send to your house, under charge of Doctor Franklin, according to the enclosed receipts and have them make their marks. And will you please the certificate at the bottom, have them signed in triplicate, and send them to this office by mail.

In distributing the harness let them have one of those that have been used, and one of the new, and each a set of breast chains.

I did not have time to get the new back-bands made, so they will have to get them.

There is one dozen of the collars that is not quite so good, but divide them as judiciously as possible.

I send 18 one horse plows, with 2 extra points one plow & 2 points for each, 18 set of double plow harness, one double set for each) and 18 cotton hoes. They will reach you, I presume, to-morrow night. Will you please issue them immediately, and send the receipts properly signed.

I am sorry to be compelled to call upon you to do so much, but I think if you could be in our office one day you would be convinced that we are justifiable, for our office is crowded all the time, so that it is utterly impossible for either my Clerk or myself to go down.

With a hope that you may not think the burden heavy, and that we may have an opportunity to become personally acquainted

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. D. Baker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 18, 1867

Genl. O.O. Howard
Comr. R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

Genral:

I have the honor to state that we were making arrangements to organize a Good Templers Lodge at this place for the benefit of the freedmen. But receiving your Circular Letter of May 15. and after conferring with Rev. W.J. Gladwin, and others who are taking an interest, we have concluded to hold some Temperance meetings, as we have already been doing, and will, perhaps, organize a society, getting as many to take the pledge as will, until we can receive instructions, and all the necessary papers for a thorough organization, as directed by your Circular.

I would respectfully suggest that Rev. W. J. Gladwin, J.V. Fitch, and others have been good Templers for years and will take hold and help us to organize. and any obligations that may be necessary to be taken, before receiving all the instructions, signs of recognition &c., will be taken before any officer or person that you may suggest, before your sealed packages of secret instructions are opened.

Not knowing the exact intention of this organization, we may be premature in our suggestions, but deeming it important to go to work immediately, we hope to avoid any unnecessary delay, and therefore write you <u>direct</u>, as we can get mail from Washington, via. St. Louis, almost as quick as from Little Rock.

Hoping to hear from you soon
I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E.G. Barker
(Temporary) Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark.
June 20th 1867

Bvt. Brig Genl Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to report, in compliance with special instructions, from Brig. Genl. Whittlesey A.A. Inspector Genl., of May 28th 1867, furnished through your office, that no rations were issued from this office during the month of April 1867, under Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30th 1867. "to prevent starvation," &c.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 20th 1867.

Maj. W. W. Colby
Supt. Education R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to forward you Teachers reports for the month of May 1867 also a consolidated report.

By way of apology or explanation, would say that the old blanks on which reports were made, were the only ones that I could find in the office at the time, but have received 4 Teachers blanks from you & 4 blanks for the Agents consolidated report.

Please instruct me whether you require the Teacher's report to accompany the Agents consolidated report, and please send us more Teacher's Blanks.

I am Sir:

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Ft. Smith, Ark. June 27, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 22nd inst. I would respectfully state that ~~the~~ no rations were issued to destitute Refugees and Freedmen, since I have taken charge of this office, (May 20.) except in conformity with the Act of Congress, approved March 30th 1867. of which Returns were made for the month of May, and forwarded, on the 3rd day of June 1867. to Col. Page, A.A.I.G. & A.C.S. B.R.F. & A.L. for the State of Ark. and I learned from his Chief Clerk, that they had been received at that office.

Col. Page, being the Acting Commissary, I thought it proper to address all papers pertaining to that Dept. to him.

Hoping this will be satisfactory

I am Sir: Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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State of Arkansas }
County of Sebastian } ss.

Personally appeared
before me John S. Spradling. Clerk of
the Circuit Court of Sebastian County Ark.,
E. G. Barker, Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L. ~~to be~~
~~being duly sworn~~ for the ~~Dist~~ of Fort Smith
Ark., who being duly sworn. deposes and
says; that on the 14th day of June 1867
he issued to a Colony of Freedmen. who have
settled on land under the Homestead Act
in Franklin County. Ark. the following
articles of Husbandry viz:
(18) Eighteen sets Double Harness
(18) Eighteen one horse plows.
(18) Eighteen Steel hoes
(36) Thirty six Extra plow points

E. G. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

J. A. Hammersly, Clerk in Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.. says that he is personally
known to the issuers having been made,
as stated in the above.

J. A. Hammersly

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
19th day of June 1867. In testimony thereof
I have hereunto set my hand and, affix my
official, my private Seal, this day and date
first above written

Seal.

John S. Spradling
Clerk

By J. E. Bennett
Depy. Clerk.

Official Copy
E. G. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 27th 1867

Hon. Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education, B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to forward School Reports for the month of June 1867. The Schools are doing well, advancing rapidly. The greatest drawback is so little money being paid for tuition, not enough, as you will see, to pay board for teachers. The first great cause of this is the absolute poverty of the colored people, but a second great cause is that there is, or appears to be, an under current kept up by some would be leading politicians, for selfish purposes, which is, undoubtedly working against the interest of the colored schools, this appears to be done by throwing little obstacles in the way, by keeping some political, or other exciting thing before them, which occupies considerable time and takes about all their spare money to defray expenses &c.
This conclusion may be a little premature in me, but I believe that there is sufficient evidence from which to arrive at this conclusion. But notwithstanding the seeming opposition the schools are prospering and increasing, and increasing in numbers and interest. and by a continued effort on the part of the teachers and Agent of the Bureau, everything will gradually and finally come out all right, and confidence be folded where it should be. Business has been so pressing in the office that I have not visited the day school as often as I would, but I have gone into Mr. Howard's, and helped sing &c. about twice a week, and spent one day at Van Buren, in Miss Farrar's School, singing, talking, visiting, fixing up benches &c. She has an excellent School. Our Colord Sabbath Schools are still on the increase, both in numbers and interest. I attend 2 or 3 each Sabbath, am trying to get some Libraries, Singing books, &c. There were about 50 scholars attending the S. School, on the 20th of May, and there is now 295, and if we had good Libraries &c. the numbers would soon be much greater.
I hope to be able to accomplish something, in the way of getting Lots for School house, here and at Van Buren, before a great while

Dear Sir, Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. June 29. 1867

Pastor 1st Baptist Church
New York City

Dear Sir:

I would most respectfully state that there is a Colored Baptist Missionary Church, at this place, struggling for life. Have a good Sabbath School, 125 scholars in regular attendance, but have no Library, singing books, or S.S. paper, and it is utterly impossible in their present impoverished state to raise money to pay for these things. I write you in behalf of the School and Church, and ask, if possible, that you send them to us. Truly we can say, "come and help us." I cannot conceive a more worthy object. May the Lord put it into the hearts of his people to help us in this hour of greatest need.

Direct, "Colored Baptist Church," Fort Smith Ark. in Care of E.G. Barker, Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Please let me hear from you soon, and we earnestly pray for a favorable response.

Our cause is just and God will bless

I have the honor to subscribe myself.

Yours in Christ

E.G. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
June 30th 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that during this month, very near all our time has been occupied in issuing rations to the destitute. Not a day has passed but our office has been crowded. About one third of those applying have received assistance. We have issued 830 bushels of Corn and 6092 lbs. of Bacon & Pork: we have only 708 lbs. of Pork on hand to issue, the last corn was issued yesterday. The Pork that is on hand we will commute, and get Corn in lieu, and make it go as far as possible to relieve the suffering. Garden vegtables are beginning to come in, and could we have about 100 bushels more Corn, I think no one in this District would have to suffer. But without a little more help, some, I fear, will really get very hungry. However I will not urge upon you to send more Corn for fear there are others who need it more.

Owing to the great number of applications for rations, we have been compelled to neglect other business much more than it should have been done.

In several cases where Freedmen were interested in Trials before the Mayors Court, where the case was of some importance, and the Freedmen not able to employ Counsel, I have appeared as Counsel, which, I trust, has had a good effect. One case where some drunken rowdies went to a Colored Church, and disturbed them while at worship, I had them arrested and tried by the Mayor, the leader fined $20.00 and cost.

One other case, where a Policeman beat a colored man on the head with a revolver, which afterward was shown on trial that the colored man had been guilty of no crime, and was acquitted, & then had the Policeman arrested for Assault and Battery. His Attorney made a strong effort to get him clear, but failed. I think it has taught them a good lesson.

The Freedmens Schools here and at Van Buren, are doing well. The scholars are advancing rapidly.

The greatest drawback is, so little money being paid for tuition, not enough, as yet, to pay the teachers board.

The first great cause of this is the absolute poverty of the Colored people, but a second great cause is, that there appears to be an under current kept up by some, would be, leading politicians, for selfish purposes, which is, undoubtedly, very detrimental to the success of the Schools. This opposition is kept up by continually throwing "cold water" on the school or teacher, and by keeping up some political or other exciting thing before them, which occupies considerable of their time and takes about all their spare money, to defray expenses &c.

But, notwithstanding the seeming opposition, the schools are prospering and increasing in numbers and interest, and by a continued effort on the part of the Teachers and Agents of the Bureau everything will gradually and finally come out all right and confidence placed where it should be.

Our Colored Sabbath Schools are still on the increase, both in numbers and interest. There were about 50 scholars attending the Sabbath Schools on the 20th of May, and now there are 295. and if we had good libraries &c. the

number would soon be much greater.

We hope to be able to accomplish something in the way securing lots for school houses here and at Van Buren, before a great while.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

P.S.
Have not heard or seen anything of Major Rawlins yet
Yours &c.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
June 30, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A.Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to report that no rations have been issued from this office during the month of June 1867. except in conformity with Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 30, 1867. "to prevent starvation," &c., of which I have made proper returns to the Commissioner, and forwarded through Col. Henry Page, A.A.G.S. for the State of Ark. Special Relief Fund.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. June 30th 1867

Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard
Commissioner B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In obedience to instructions as to Returns, Circular No. 11. War Dept. Bureau R.F. & A.L., Washington, April 3rd 1867. I have the honor to transmit to your officer, through Col. Henry Page, A.A.G.M. & A.L.S. for Special Relief Fund, for the State of Arkansas, Returns, with Abstract and Vouchers of all Commissary Stores received, issued, and remaining on hand during the month of June 1867.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E.S. Baker.
Temporary Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 18, 1867

Commander of the Post
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir: I have the honor to state that General Orders No. 16. dated H'd Qrs. 4th Military Dist. Vicksburg, Miss. June 29. 1867. and Circular 13. of July 2nd issued by Genl. Smith, Asst. Commissioner, Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the State of Ark., requires me, as Bureau Agent, to visit plantations and neighborhoods in my Dist. for the purpose of instructing Freedmen in their rights as citizens, acting in harmony with, and assisting registering officers in preparing for the reconstruction of the State

I would further represent that transportation and forage for Agents on such duty, should not be furnished by the Bureau, according to Circular Letter of June 27. 1867. by Genl. O.O. Howard, Commissioner

Therefor I would most respectfully request that you furnish me a riding horse, with two days rations of forage, to start out, on the above named duty, to day at 12½ O'clock P. M.

I am Sir: Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

P. S.
Forage cannot be had in the country.

☞ "Brief" and "Indorsements," on ~~page~~ Pages 142 & 143.

"Brief"

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 18, 1867.

E.G. Barker,
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L., refers to General Orders, No. 16., H'd Qrs. 4th Military Dist., Vicksburg Miss., June 29, 1867, and Circular No. 13., Asst. Com'rs Office Little Rock, Ark., July 2, 1867, making it the duty of Agents of the Bureau to instruct freedmen about registering. Asks the Post Commander to furnish a horse to enable him to perform the required duties.

"Indorsements"

Headquarters Ft. Smith —
July 18, 1867.

Respectfully returned.
Capt. Barker will please furnish a copy of Circular letter of June 27, 1867. of General O.O. Howard, Commissioner, for the information of the Commanding officer of the Post.

(Signed) W. O Lattimore
Capt. 19th Infantry
Comdg. Post.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 18, 1867

Respectfully returned, with the suggestion that the enclosed Order requires me to do work, which I am unable to do without a horse, and that I have at present no other means of obtaining one, except by the Post Commander, and therefor request that one be furnished. I wish to go out this afternoon.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Headquarters Fort Smith, Ark.
July 18, 1867.

Respectfully returned. The Commanding Officer feels that had he the authority to order the transportation as requested, he would cheerfully do so, but in the absence of any authority on the subject is compelled to decline to furnish the same.

(Signed) H. C. Lattimore
Capt. 19th U. S. Infantry
Comdg. Post.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 19. 1867

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett, A. A. A. Genl. Little Rock, Ark. for his information.

E. G. Barker
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 1. 1867

Capt. Chas. E. Berry
South Ozark, Ark.

Dear Sir:

Your note of June 30. is before me, and I hasten to reply. and would say, that we are expected to only let those who have or will very soon settle on land under the Homestead Act, have these articles of husbandry; however, if some of them have left the country, and there are other freedmen who are in every respect worthy (and especially if they are making arrangements to settle on land, under the Homestead Act) let them have the articles, of course. The object of this expenditure is to encourage freedmen to settle on land, so they can have a home of their own.

Please return these Receipts, properly filled out, immediately, for we are called upon to make our returns, have those articles that have been stolen, receipted for as it would be impossible for us to account for them. Use your own discretion, but do not fail to issue and send the Receipts, by return mail if possible

About all the rations for distribution at this office has been issued - dont know whether we will get any more or not.

Truly Yours
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Smith. Ark. July 2, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward to your office two Persons and Articles employed by me at this Office for the month of June 1867, also vouchers.

Please send check for the Vouchers as soon as convenient, especially for the Service Vouchers, as I suppose they can not get their pay for [illegible] till Maj. Bankhead returns to sign the No. 2 and Vouchers for that month.

I am Sir: Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Banker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Smith, Ark. July 4, 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you send us an allowance of Stationery, Ink, &c. for the third Quarter commencing July 1st 1867, and I would respectfully state that the present allowance is not sufficient for the use of this office.

I am Sir:
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

E G Banker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 19, 1867

James Armstrong
Sugarloaf Valley
Cherokee Country Ark.

Sir:

It has been shown in this office that last December (1866) you arranged and agreed to bring a box and two sacks of ~~clothing~~ goods (household) also Kitchen furniture, belonging to Abraham Hixson & wife, Rachel, from Texas and deliver the same at Fort Smith, Ark. within ten days, for which fifteen dollars was paid in advance, and fifteen more was to be paid on delivery.

It has further been shown that the said goods were not delivered for about five months, and that on examination of the goods, we find that the following articles are missing viz:-

One Coffee mill, One Broad Pan, one skillet & lid, one Jug, one Coffee Pot, one axe, One Razor and strop, One Quilt, One Bed Tick, three set of Pillow Slips, three pair Drawers, one sack of coarse clothing, and ~~one sack~~ a lot of Childrens clothing - The box of goods having been opened

Any invoice of the goods delivered has been carefully made out, and a receipt for the same given to L. H. Mozingo, who has this day delivered the goods to the said Abram Hixson.

The articles missing are estimated at thirty two dollars and twenty five cents. ($32.25/100). The articles received are in a damaged condition.

This office will hold each party to a strict compliance of the contract, and it would be well for the matter to be fairly adjusted with as little delay as possible.

No more money will be paid to the carrier till the damages are made good.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent B. R.F. & A. L.

Cantonments Regulations
Van Buren
Ark.

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Office Bureau R.F. & a.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 11. 1867.

Col Henry Page
A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & a.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

Enclosed please find vouchers. in favor of H. E. McKee, & Co. receipted as requested. Also affidavit of the distribution of the farming implements to the Colony in Franklin Co. Ark. I have been hoping and expecting every day for more than two weeks to receive the individual receipts of those freedmen to whom the articles were issued, but have not yet, and cannot wait longer.

Capt. Berry, who lives in the neighborhood of the Colony, promised to have them signed and send them to me by mail. When I get them I will forward one copy to you (Tis 40 miles from here to the Colony, and it has been impossible for me to go after the receipts).

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Banks
Agent Bureau R.F. & a.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 12, 1867

To his Excellency
Isaac Murphy
Governor of the State of Ark.

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to forward to you a petition, asking for the pardon of Joseph Birnie, a colord boy, who has been sentenced to one years imprisonment for Larceny.

Having been present and closely observd the whole proceedings in his trial, & with many others feel confident that had the jury obyed the instructions of the court, and decided according to the Law and Evidence, they would have acquitted him beyond a doubt, but some mens prejudices cause them to go far astray.

Having but little assurance that a new trial would make his case any better and thinking that it might have a better moral effect to let the sentence stand, and petition your Excellency to grant him full and immediate pardon this course has been adopted.

Since his trial it has been made very evident that the prisoner, Joseph Birnie, to charge of the articles of goods in obedience to the orders of the Steward of the boat, being entirly ignorant as to who the proper owner was, and that he gave up all he had, when called on, readily and never had attempted to secrete them in the least.

Any number of signers might be had to this petition but it is thought quite sufficient to only get a few good signers, who are personally acquainted with the full history of the case, which we think will satisfy your honor, beyond a doubt, that Justice demands that should be set at liberty.

The Sheriff will not start with him to Little Rock, for some time, and while we would not see the guilty go free of punishment, we would very much regret to see the innocent made to suffer, therefor, if consistent with your very important duties, we hope, by the time arrives to start with him from this place, a full ~~and~~ Pardon may come from your Excellency's hand.

Dear Sir:

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 16, 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. Mg. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

Enclosed, please find duplicate Receipts for the articles of husbandry, issued to the Colony of freedmen, who have settled on land under the "Homestead Act" in Franklin County, Ark.

They were not received at this office till to day.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 16, 186[illegible]

Col. Henry Page
A.A.C.M. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In obedience to instructions from your Office, under date of June 24th 1867. I have seen the Quartermaster, and he agreed to let us have Coffins at what they cost, but he could find any order authorizing him, as A.A.C.M. to sell such articles to the Bureau, and I have failed to find the order in this office. Therefor I am compelled to write you and ask that you send the Order. Or if you think it best to ship the Coffins, to us, we have store room for them.

We could get common plain Coffins of a citizen at $4.00 each.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
E. S. Parker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 11, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. B. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to state, that your letter of July 1st 1867, directing us to forward to your office Special Report of Provisions received, ~~distributed~~ issued, and remaining on hand, &c. for the months of May and June 1867, as provided in Circular 11 U.S. War Dept., was received yesterday, and we respectfully forward the reports, as required, without delay.

Our Returns, with Abstracts and Vouchers for the months of May and June, were promptly forwarded, at the time required for those months, to the Commissioner, Washington, D.C., through Col. Page, A.L.S. Special Relief Fund, B.R.F. & A.L. Little Rock, Ark.

I am Sir: Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 23, 1867

Louis Miller

Dear Sir:

Rufus Bennett (Col'd.) states that about the 1st of May 1867. you let Mr. Slosson have a lot of lumber that belonged to her, for which she paid twenty five dollars, in gold and silver. She bought it of Joseph Bennet.

You are respectfully requested to call at this office and make settlement for said lumber.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully &c.
E G Baker
Agent B. R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 24, 1867

Capt. Berry
South Ozark
Franklin Co. Ark.

Dear Sir:

Your letter the 20th inst. is at hand and, I have directed that the boy, Sandy Madison, go back, and if you desire it that he and his son should continue to work for you, according to ~~the~~ contract. (as his wife Emily has moved her things to another place, and the probability is that you would not want her any longer, under the circumstances. I did not direct her to return) If you prefer not to have Sandy and his boy you can make a fair settlement with him for the family's service, making a reasonable deduction from the amount due Sandy, for the services of his girl, whom he hired to a third party, thereby depriving you of her services.

You can give him your obligations for the amount due, payable at the time his his Term of service should have expired, according to the contract with him.

I am fully satisfied that this man and family have left you without a good cause, and were I sure that it would be agreeable to you, I should require them all to return. But under all the circumstances, I have suggested what I regard just and proper in the case, and hope it may be satisfactory to the interested parties.

Your Obt. Servt
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Brief, to wich the above is an answer.

Ozark Ark.
July 20, 1867

Capt. Chas. E. Berry

Exakes a statement of a case where in he had hired a colord man, Sandy Madison & family for the term of a year, Sandy misbehaved very badly, finally left, with his family. Has not as yet settled with the parties for their labor. will be governed in the matter, by advice from the Bureau

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 26 1867

J. B. Jones
Agent B.R.F. & a.L.
Fort Gibson, C.N.

Dear Sir

Your communication of the 18th inst., ~~referring~~ requesting a Surgeon be sent to that post is before me, was rec'd. yesterday.

In reply would state that none but the Surgeon in Chief of the Bureau, under the Asst. Commissioner to whom you are directed to report, has the legal right to enter into contract with a Surgeon.

I have forwarded your communication to the Asst. Comm. at Little Rock, Ark. and hope something will be done to relieve the suffering. I have also made and still making an effort to get a Doctor to go from here, offering to recommend their appointment to the Chief Surgeon, but no one has agreed to go yet. I think there is no doubt but the Chief Surgeon, would appoint any good and competent man, who would take the place.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barike
Agent Bureau R.F. & a.L.

"Brief", to which the above is a reply

Fort Gibson C.N. July 15, 1867

J.B. Jones, Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L., requests that the Agent at Fort Smith, Ark. send a Surgeon to attend to the destitute in that country. there being no physician here who can do it, and the Cholera being very bad, proving more prevalent and fatal among that class who are not even able to pay for medicines, if prescriptions were made out for them.

E G Barike
Agent

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Office Bureau R.F. & a.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 27, 1867

J. B. Jones
Agent Bureau R.F. & a.L.
Fort Gibson C.N.

Dear Sir

Dr. J. Henry Collins, of this place has agreed to go to Ft. Gibson, as A.A. Surgeon, Bureau R.F. & A.L. and will take some medicines with and probably you and him, together, may get supplies from the Post Surgeon until he can get some shipped to him.

As I wrote you yesterday, I have no authority to enter into contract with him, but I have this day sent a communication to Little Rock, stating that he has gone and there to enter upon the duties as A.A. Surgeon, and have recommended that he be appointed by the Chief Surgeon.

I have taken some responsibilities in this case, but from your representations I think the circumstances justify the action. -

Will now that you may soon be relieved of this dreadful disease, Cholera.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. Parker
Agent

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 29, 1867

Mrs. Barker

Madam:

It becomes my duty to inform you that your son, Thomas Nash, on or about the 21st of July 1867, went to the house of Augustus Jackson, (Cold.) and attempted to take away a horse (Honey) which belonged to and was in the legal possession of the said Augustus Jackson. The said Jackson let him know that he had bought the Honey of Elijah Nash, and that he could not have him. Your son Thomas, started off saying, "I will have him," last Tuesday Jackson turned the Honey out and could not find him, till yesterday he saw your son Jape riding him and said he was taking him home.

You are therefor notified that unless your son Thomas brings the horse to this Office and delivers him to the proper owner (Jackson) we shall be compelled to commence action against him for stealing the horse. Unless you have your son deliver the horse by five O'clock to day at this Office, a warrant will be got out for his arrest. I hope you will look well to this immediately, as I ~~have~~ do not wish to bring your son to serious trouble if it can be avoided and a strict compliance with this letter will save him from further trouble, in all probability.

I am respectfully &c.

E G Barker
Agent

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 30th 1867

Wherras after full investigation it has been shown that Mrs. Barker and her two sons. Thomas and Pape Nash, have illegally Taken possession of and retain in their custody, one pony horse that belongs to Augustus Jackson, (col'd),

Therefore the said Mrs. Barker and her two sons Thomas and Pape Nash are hereby directed to deliver the said Pony horse to the said Augustus Jackson, he being the legal and proper owner.

E. G. Barker
Agent B. R.F. & A.L.

Endorsement on above:

Asst Dr. Ft. Smith
July 31st 1867

The horse herein mentioned will be delivered to Augustus Jackson, its rightful owner.

(Signed) Dr. L. Floyd-Jones,
Lt. Col. 19th U.S.
Bvt. Col. Comdg.

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Office Bureau R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 27. 1867.

Col Henry Page
A.D.M. Bureau R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of July 17. 1867. with reference to a voucher given to Samuel Walters, for repairing school house, I would respectfully state that we obtained permission to use the Cold. Baptist Church for holding school in, but before it could be used as a School house, it was necessary to repair the floor and make some seats, which we hired Samuel Walters to do, which amounted to ten dollars ($10.00) which is the only expense for the use of the house for the term.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E.G. Barker
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F.& A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 27. 1867

Bvt. Brig. Gen Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. B.R.F.& A.L.
Little Rock, Ark

Sir:

I would respectfully state that I received a communication from the Bureau Agent Ft. Gibson, C.N., asking that a Surgeon be sent there immediately, to assist if possible the poor of that country, who were suffering and dying with Cholera.

The communication was immediately forwarded to you.

Dr. J. Henry Collins, of this place, will start to day for Fort Gibson, and will, immediately his arrival, commence practice, rendering every assistance in his power as

a Physician. (having had considerable
in the treatment of Cholera).

Dr. Collins has a good moral character,
is a good Physician, and of undoubted
loyalty. I would, therefor, respectfully re-
commend that he be appointed A.A. Surgeon
in Bureau R.F. & A.L. Ft. Gibson, C.N., during
the prevalence of Cholera at that place.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 2d. 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In obedience to instructions of the 16th. inst.
from your office, which was this day received,
I have the honor to forward Report of the
number in Bureau R.F. & A.L. Hospital, Fort
Smith, Ark., also the number of Rations
issued during the month of June 1867.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 27, 1867.

Hon. Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward School reports for the month of July 1867.

The Schools closed on the 5th inst. for the summer vacation. Both Teachers are remaining here, and will be ready to commence again, in Sept. (i.e. if they can get money to pay their board till that time.

The prospect is very good for next term of school. We have hopes that they will be self-sustaining. Learning that we could not build a School house at VanBuren, this year, I rented a school house, 16. by 35. ft., for one year - pay the rent in repairing the house, which is now done.

The Sabbath Schools are prospering, though we want libraries very badly.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Baker
Agent &c.

P.S.

Please collect the transportation for the Teachers, from the Rock up here, as they are in great need of it.

E G B

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 29. 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. B. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In obedience to your letter of instruction of the 16. inst. I have the honor to forward a list of Quartermaster Stores in this office on the 30th of June 1867.

Although this report is somewhat informal, I hope you will be able to understand it.

I have reported what I find, and as some of the articles are not carried on Maj. Bauzhaf's Reports, it may be that they are his private property, or borrowed, I have also shown the articles borne on Maj. Bauzhaf's papers that are used in the Hospital.

The clothing on hand is very poorly assorted, some of it very inferior, and even worthless, but I suppose can be issued to those who are very destitute (this fall)

There is ~~about $47~~ charges, to the amount of $47.50 c., brought against the Bureau, for freight from Ft. Gibson, by Str. Fort Smith, which they are very anxious to collect.

I do not know what are in the boxes. We would like to have at least one bale of the blankets to issue at this office this fall.

Have very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Beattie
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 31, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that during this month nothing of unusual interest has taken place in conducting the business of the office.

I issued the last rations on the 8th inst. Since that time a great many have applied for rations, and in a few cases of extreme destitution we have recommended that the Commander of the Post let them have rations, which has been done.

Now that new crops are coming in, and are very good, no one who is able bodied, has any longer an excuse for being destitute.

The schools at this place and VanBuren closed on the 5th inst for the summer vacation. The teachers are remaining and will be ready to open school in the fall. The extreme poverty of the colored people has prevented them from sustaining the teachers. But if they can only manage to live through vacation, there is a prospect that the colored people will sustain the schools next term.

Learning that there could not be a school house built at VanBuren, I rented a school house, 16. by 35. ft., for one year to commence the 1st of Aug. 1867. the rent to be paid in repairing the house, which is now completed ready for use, and there is a prospect that the house and lot can be bought, at the expiration of the term, at a low figure.

I organized a School Board, composed of the most intelligent and influential colored men of VanBuren, which is doing good service, thoroughly awake to the interest of schools.

I feare a little trouble in finding a suitable place for Miss Farrar, the Teacher at Van Buren to board. She is now stopping at Fort Smith, but will return to Van Buren, as soon a suitable place can be secured it takes a great deal of loyalty in this country to make them willing to board a "Nigger Teacher."

One case of robbing, and another of murdering Colored men, near Clarksville, has been brought to my notice, and I will go down soon and try to have the guilty parties arrested and brought before the U. S. Commissioner.

A case of a colored boy, 17 or 18 years of age, being held as a slave yet, near Waldron, 45 miles south of this, has been brought to my notice. I will try to go there as soon as possible, and take such steps as will secure to him his freedom, and bring to justice the guilty parties.

I am Sir

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. [illegible]
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 31, 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. Ms. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward D.M. and C.E. & S.E. reports for the months of June and July. I would have forwarded the Junk papers at the proper time, but was expecting Maj. Banzhaf back every day so that he could sign the papers. But as he has not come yet, I have made them out, leaving the name blank, Also the receipts in the cash vouchers, so that they may be ~~signed~~ filled out in the name of Maj. Banzhaf or yourself, as you may choose.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 31, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett,
A.A.G. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward Statement of Provisions issued during the month of July 1867. under Joint Resolution of Congress, Approved March 30, 1867. "to prevent starvation" &c.

As you see by this report that we had nothing but Pork to issue this month. We commuted that and gave them corn or Pork, according to their wants (N. E. McKee & the contractors who furnished it agreeing to this arrangement)

Many persons were suffering for bread who could do without meat

I am Sir Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 31. 1867

Maj' Genl. O. O. Howard
Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Washington D.C.

Sir.

I have the honor to forward reports of Provisions with Abstract and Vouchers received, issued and remaining on hand, during the month of July 1867, under Joint Resolution of Congress Approved March 30, 1867 "to prevent starvation," &c. You see by this report that we had nothing to issue this month but Pork. We commuted that and gave them Corn or Pork, as their circumstances most demanded. (N. C. McKee & Co., the contractors who furnished it agreeing to this arrangement) many persons were suffering for bread, who could do without meat.

I am Sir Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. [illegible]
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 5, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
A.A.G. Bu. R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock, Ark

Sir:

I would respectfully state that your letter of July 9th 1867. inclosing Check, in payment of June accounts, was received in due time, and the accounts paid, and receipts taken from the parties receiving it, except Anton Reis, for rent of Hospital Building, he refusing, and still refuses, to receive and receipt for the money due for the month of June, until he gets pay for the month of May.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 5, 1867.

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Monthly report of rations issued to, and the number of Refugees and Freedmen in, Hospital Bureau R.F.&A.L., during the month of July 1867.

In this connection I would also respectfully state that rations (one ration per day) were drawn from the Post Commissary, by Henry Williams, Messenger in this office, he being entitled to the same.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 5, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.G. Genl. D. R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 29th. just received, referring to report called for on the 16th of July 1867. In reply I would respectfully state that yours of the 16th of July was not received here till the 29th of July. And that the required reports were made out and ~~forwarded~~ sent to the Post Office on the same day, (27th of July) as is shown by the records of this office, and I now forward you a copy, ~~of~~ made out from the retained copy, hoping, however, that you have received the report some days ago.

I heartily agree with you, that promptness in obeying the instructions of our superiors, is necessary in this or any other Military service, and for more than two years that I have been on duty in the Bureau, and more than six years in the U.S. service, I ~~have~~ believe I have never been complained of in this respect. And in this instance, I feel confident, that you will agree that the fault has in the Mail or Post Office Dept. I regret very much, that this delay has been caused. Be assured that nothing will be wanting, in attending to the duties of the Office.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
E W Barker
Agent Bureau R.F.& A.L.

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"Brief"

R. & F. Hospital

Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 5, 1867.

Dr. J. E. Bennett,
A.A. Surg. U.S.A.
in Charge

States that the building owned by Mr. Anton Weis, which was used ~~for~~ by the Bureau for R. & F. Hospital, was, during the time he had charge, (the months of May & June 1867) wholly unfit for use, and recommends that no rent be paid for those months. That enough has ~~already~~ been paid for the use of the building.

Endorsement:

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 5, 1867

Respectfully referred to Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett A.A.A.Genl. B.R.F.&A.L., Little Rock, Ark. with the suggestion that, from my own personal knowledge, I believe the statement herein made, to be correct, and ~~would~~ that the statement and opinion of Dr. Bennett, worthy of consideration.

Money was forwarded to me, by Col. Page, to pay the rent of June, but Mr Weis refuses to receive it till the rent of May is paid.

The amount now in my hands, $60.00, I will hold till further orders.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Beecher
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.,
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 7. 1867.

Alexander Jones
Sir:

You are notified to appear at this office at two (2) O'clock this day and answer to complaint made against you by one Jack Alston, (Cold.) for illegally taking and appropriating to your own use, one pony, which was taken up by Jack Alston, in June 1866. as an Estray and has not yet been called for and proven by the owner.

Fail not to comply

Respectfully
E. S. Parker
Agent

"Brief":

163 S. E. Parlin makes affidavit that he saw took and carried away a mare that belonged to Isaac Ake, (Cold.) in July 1865. Isaac Ake asks that the mare be returned to him.

Indorsement:

164 Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug 14, 1867.

Respectfully referred to Col. Jones Agent. Post of Fort Smith, with the suggestion that the said Isaac Ake, is a poor man and justice demands that the mare be put in his possession and would most respectfully request that such measures be taken as will secure justice in the case

E. S. Parker
Agent

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith Ark. Aug. 9. 1867

Col. De L. Floyd Jones
Comdg. Post
Sir.

I am authorized by the trustees of the hall now occupied by Govt. employees, to say: that they are willing that they should ~~occupy~~ remain till tomorrow 12 noon, if the house and furniture is put in as good repair as when they entered it.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
E. L. Baker
Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 9. 1867

Col D. C. L. Floyd-Jones
Commdg. Post.
Sir:

I would respectfully state that a lot of men, representing themselves as to be U. S. Employees, under charge of one Wm. Burnell, have taken possession, without any legal authority, and forced an entrance by breaking down the door, of a building on the Fort Landing, occupied by Freedmen for Society and Meeting purposes.

These colored people have rented said building and pay their rent monthly; and no other than the Trustees of the house have any control over it whatever. And they ask that these men be dispossessed of the house and be caused to make good the damage which is but just.

Hoping you will give this your early attention.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Ob't Serv't
E. E. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 12, 1867

Miss Mollie Brown

Madam:

Frances makes complaint at this office that she done some work for you some time ago, amounting to three dollars, and that you have neglected to pay her. Please pay the debt or report at this office and show cause for not doing so without delay.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Svt
E G Parker
Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

P.S.

Our Orderly will show you our office, if you wish him to.

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R. & F. Hospital, Fort Smith, Ark
Aug. 15, 1867

J. E. Bennett
A.A. Surg. in charge

States that the Wards in the Hospital, are full— requests two Wall tents, to be used as Hospital tents

Indorsement

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 15. 1867

Respectfully referred to Col. Jones, Comdg. Post. with a request that the tents be furnished by the Post Q.M. for the Temporary use during the sickly season, as it would be impossible to get them from Little Rock in time to answer the present immergency

E G Parker
Agent

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 15, 1867

Col. Henry Page
A. A. A. G.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith service vouchers for July, which were inclosed in your of Aug. 7/67, for signature. The receipts are signed (except vouchers for Anton Heis, which are returned without signature, vouchers for Hospital building having been made out signed, and forwarded in favor of J. J. H. Meeks the drawing contractor of the Hospital building, with other service vouchers, as per report of Recvg and Issues, which ought to have been received before forwarding these.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Baker
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 15. 1867

Acknowledged receipt of checks viz:
A. Spring — wood to Hospital $ 25.00
Saml. Walters — repairing School House 11.00

E. G. Baker
Agent

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Bureau R. F. & A. L
For Arkansas 1867
D. M. and Disbg. Office
Little Rock, Ark. Aug 13, 1867

Respectfully returned.
Your vouchers for June require signature.

Vouchers for your services will until further instructions be issued from this office. Vouchers for July services were forwardid for your signature Aug. 8th 1867

(Signed) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 19, 1867

Col. Henry Page
D. C. for the State of Ark.
Sir:

I have the honor to return vouchers for my services for the month of June 1867 with signature.

Vouchers with signature were returned Aug. 15, for the month of July

Please send Draft as soon as convenient, as I am without funds

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. G. Barker
Agent

1/4 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
for Arkansas
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 13th 1867

Special Orders }
No. 93. } (Extract)

1. 1st Lieutenant Charles Bingham 10th U. S. Cavalry, having been relieved from duty at Clarksville, will proceed to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and resume his duties as Agent at that place, relieving Lieut. E. L. Hunter Agent who will report in person to this office, as soon as relieved by Lieut. Bingham.

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By command of
Bt. Brigadier General C. H. Smith, U. S. A.
Asst. Commissioner.

1st Lieut. Charles Bingham
10th U. S. Cav
Agent
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Lgd. Jno. E. Booth
1st Lieut. 2th U. S. Infantry
A.A.G. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington June 22nd 1867

Sir:

Your Property Accounts for the months of January and February 1867 transmitted as of Property pertaining to the D. M. Department have been received at this office.

You are directed to inform this office without delay whether the accounts above referred to are of property belonging to the Quartermaster's Department U.S.A., or to the Bureau R.F. & A.L.

If the accounts are of property belonging to the D.M. Department U.S.A. a triplicate copy of the returns as provided by Par. 2nd Article 2, Bureau Officers Manual is required

Note.—Reply to be marked L.B., Vol. 4, page 95, and addressed to Major General O.O. Howard, Commissioner—Envelope marked in margin "For Chief D.M."

By order of Maj.-Gen. O.O. Howard, Commissioner

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant
Sgd. Henry M. Whittlesey
Bvt. Brig. Genl. and Chief D.M.
Bureau R.F. & A.L.

To Capt Chauncey A. Tyler
Superintendent
Refugees &c. &c. &c.

Through Lt Col. Henry Tuttle
Asst Qr Mr and A.C.
Fifth Dist & Dept

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Officer Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 21. 1867

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to request that you furnish, for use in this office, the following blanks viz:-

50	Monthly Reports		form	66
50	"	" of Persons Emp'd Ord.	"	2,
50	"	" C. C. & S. Equip.	"	15
50	"	" D. M. Stores	"	23
30	Clothing Receipt Rolls		"	38
100	Service Vouchers		"	22

Please forward immediately
Very respectfully your Obt. Servt.

Chas. Banghart
1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington, June 11, 1867

Sir

Your Monthly Accounts Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, D. M. Department, for the month of March 1867 have been received, examined, and forwarded to Bvt. Maj. Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster General U. S. Army

By order of Maj Gen. O. O. Howard.
Commissioner

very respectfully your obedient servant

(sgd.) Henry Hc. Whittlesey
Bvt. Brig. Genl. and Chief D. M.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To
Capt Wm. Bunzhaf
Agent Bu R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. June 13th 1867

Circular Letter
No

Sir

The attention of all Agents of this Bureau, making purchases under the provisions of Gir. No dated office Asst Comr B.R.F.&A.L. Little Rock, Ark. May 20th 1867 is called to the urgent necessity of promptness in the transmission of their purchase vouchers. All purchases must be made on the first of each month. The vouchers therefor accompanied by receipts for the property so purchased must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month to enable the officer accounting for the property to forward his returns within the time prescribed by law. Immediately upon receipt Invoices will be returned

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.D.C.

Capt. Chas. Bayliss
Asst. Qr. Master

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Quartermaster Genrals Office
Division of Clothing and Equipage
Washington City D. C.
June 18th 1867

Sir

Your Return of Clothing, rendered as Agent Bureau R.F. and A.L. for the month of March 1867. has been received and examined at this office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully Your Obt. Servant
By Order of the Quartermaster Genral
(Sgd.) Alex. D. Ferry
Bvt Brig Genral
and Quartermaster U.S.A.

To
Capt. Chas. Baughaf
5th Regt U.S.C.
Fort Smith Arkansas

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War Dept
Washington June 18. 1867

Transmitting Copy of Circular
No. 21. 1867.
Sgd. by Genl. Whittlesey

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War Department
Washington July 9. 1867

Transmitting
Cir. Ltr. from Comr. dated June 27. 1867
also Circular No. 21. 1867.
Signed by Genl Whittlesey

B. of R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark..
August 24th 1867.

Henry Page
Bt. Col. and A.D.C.
B. of R.F. & A. L. Little Rock, Ark.

Col:

I would most respectfully inform you that Mr. Anton Reis, to best of my knowledge, fullfilled his agreement, when he rented his building to Dr. J.S.C. Rowland, for the use of a Hospital. For R. and F. It seems to me, that Dr. Rowland was rather carless, in repairing the building, as Mr. Reis furnished him with lumber, and other articles, which Dr Rowland requested him to do. Mr. Reis showed me receipts of $125.00, which he spent for repairing his building, in order to make the same useful for a Hospital. I would therefor respectfully ask that he may be paid Rent for the month of May.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
John Darragh
1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cavly.
Agt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office.
Little Rock, Ark., Aug 21st 1867

Capt. Chas. Baughaf
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 702. on the Merchants National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for One hundred and thirty nine 7/100 dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Henry Williams	Services as	Messenger	$20.
F. A. Hammonds	"	Clerk	99 17/100
W. W. Bailey	Rent		20

Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Ft Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Aug 21st 1867

Capt. Chas. Bauchaf
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 700, on the Merchants National Bank of Little Rock, Ark's., for Sixty Dollars in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Anton Uriz, Rent of Hosp. building for month of Augt 1867

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

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No. 24

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.
Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark, Aug. 22, 1867.

This is to Certify, That J. A. Haynesly Clerk at Fort Smith, county of Sebastian, State of Arkansas, has taken the Oath prescribed by the Act of Congress, approved July 2, 1862, and the same is filed in this office, dated Oct. 17. 1866.

(Sgd.) Jno. E. Bennett
Acting Assistant Adjutant General.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 17, 1867.

Capt. Chas. Banzhaf
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

I enclose herewith
Copy of Circular Letter from this
Office, dated June 13th 1867.

Very respectfully,
(Sgd.) Henry Hagr
Disbg. Officer

1867 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. June 13th 1867.

Circular Letter

The attention of all Agents of this Bureau, making Purchases under the provisions of Circular # dated Office Asst. Comr. B.R.F. & A.L. Little Rock, Ark. May 20th 1867. is called to the urgent necessity of promptness in the transmission of their Purchase Vouchers. All purchases must be made on the first of each month, the vouchers therefor, as confirmed by receipts for the property so purchased, must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month, to enable the officer accounting for the property to forward his returns within the time prescribed by law.

Immediately on their receipt Invoices will be returned.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.A.G. Ark.

Capt. Chas. Banzhaf
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

188 Bureau R.F. and A.L.
For Arkansas
D. M. and D.C.
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 27. 1867

Lieut Chas. Bamhaf
Agent &c. Fort Smith Ark.

Lieut.

I enclose herewith Transfer roll of Employees whose services are to be carried on your report of Persons and Articles from and after August 1st 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

189 Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 29. 1867

Col. Henry Page
A.Q.M.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith Reports, corrected, in accordance with instructions accompanying them, from your office.

I am Col., very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
Chas. Bamhaf.
1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

190 Bureau R. F. and A. Lands.
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disb'g. Office.
Little Rock, Ark. Aug 28th 1867.

Lieut Chas. Baughaf
Agt. B.R.F. & A.L. Fort Smith

Enclose herewith copy of Special Orders No. 118. War Dept. B. R.F. & A.L. Aug. 10th 1867. for your information & have taken up the property as instructed. and wish you would inform the parties of the purport of the order.

Very respectfully
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

191 War Department
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Washington Aug. 10th 1867.

Special Orders
No. 118

V— The purchase of the following named articles, to wit:

Eighteen (18) sets of double Harness
Eighteen (18) one horse Plows
Eighteen (18) Steel Hoes and
Thirty six Extra Plow Points, having been authorized, the account therefor of A. E. McKee & Co. amounting to Three hundred and sixty nine (369 00) is appropriated and will be paid by Col. Henry Page, Agent and Disbursing officer of this Bureau for the State of Arkansas. He will bear this property upon his returns until further orders and hold the receipts of the parties to whom the same bar

~~192~~ brew delivrd, as his voucher for the issue thereof, until the parties shall be able to pay for the same, or can dispense with their use and so deliver the same to him.

By Order of Maj Genl. O.O. Howard Commr.
E. Whittlesey
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

A correct Copy
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing officer

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Bureau of R.L. and A. Lands,
Fort Arkansas
Quartermasters and Disbg. Office
Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 29. 1867.

Capt. Chas. Bamhaf
Agent Bureau R.L. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 734, on the Merchants National Bank of Little Rock, Ark., for Fifty Seven ✠ dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

C. St. L. Main Rent of Hosp. July	50	
Fort Smith Services for "	7	

Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Smith, Ark. Sept. 4, 1867

Henry Paige
Dieby. Officer for Ark.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith reports for the month of August 1867. as follows viz:

Monthly Report of Persons & Articles - vouchers accompany it
" " " Rations
" " " Clothing
Purchase vouchers and rcts for August 1867
" " " " " Sept. "
Monthly Report - embracing sick in Hospital &c. will be fwd. as soon as blanks are rcd.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bingham
1st Lieut 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent

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Bureau of R. L. and A. L.
for Arkansas
Quartermaster's & Disbg. Office
Little Rock, Ark.
Aug. 30th 1867.

Lieut. Chas. Bamzhaf
Agt. B. R. L. & A. L.

In reply to your letter of the 27th Inst. I forward such Blankforms as I have.

Blanks form No. 2. will be forwarded to you as soon as I can procure a supply.

Very respectfully
(Sgd.) Henry Pack
Disbursing officer

I have shipped the Pkge on the Str. VanBuren.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Sept. 4. 1867.

Lieut Jno. E. Bennett
Bvt. Brig. Genl & A.A.A. Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of business transacted at this office during the month of August 1867. viz:-

No. of Rations issued to Hospital 872
" " " " Employees 31
Total 903

Cash value of Rations issued @ 22½ cts. $199.00

No. of Refugees under Medical treatment 28
" " Freedmen " " " 30
Total 58

In addition there were 12 Refugees and 16 Freedmen treated outside of Hospital.

Quite a number of deaths have occured among the destitute class, which have been buried by the Bureau, the Civil authorities refusing to do any thing for their paupers.

There has been quite a number of applications for Rations, and in a few extreme cases they were recommended to Col. Jones, Comdg. Post, who issued rations to them.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

Chas. F. Dimmick
1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Septbr 16.th 16)

Bt. Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith.
Col. 2d. U. S. Infty.
Asst. Commr.
Little Rock Ark.

Genl.

In Compliance with Circular Letter from your Office, dated Septbr. 6.th 16) I would most respectfully report:
The Civilian Employees, in the B. of R. F. & A. L. at this Place, are.
J. H. Hammersly, Clerk born in the State of Indiana, employed from the State of Ark. Amount of annual Compensation $. 1200. 00.
Henry Williams (cold.) Messenger born in, and employed from the State of Arkansas, Amount of annual Compensation $. 240.00 & Rations.
Joe Smith, (cold.) Sexton, born in, and employed from the State of Arkansas. $. 3.50. per Grave.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servt.
Chas. Bonyhaf
1st Lt. 10th U. S. Cavly.
Agt.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Septbr. 19th 67.

Bt. Brig. Genl. C. W. Smith. U.S.A.
Lieut. Col. & A. A. Genl.

Asst. Comm'r.
Little Rock. Ark.

Genl:

I have the honor, to inform you, that the Freedmen, on the so called "Franklin County Colony."- are getting greatly dissatisfied, for several Reasons.-
A number of Rebels, living, in, and about their Neighborhood, constantly disturb them, by telling them, that they shall not hold their Lands. I wrote to the principal one of these Rebels, and warned them, from the serious consequences, if they will not stop disturbing the Freedmen on that Colony. Further do they think, that the Govt. will, or ought to supply them, with Rations, and Clothing.
It seems to me, that, one W. Dall. Editor of the new Era, is, or has been promissing these people things, the Government never thought of, and they are now looking to me for it.
Enclosed, you will please find a Letter sent to me by them.
At my earliest opertunity I shall visit the Colony.

Very respectfully, &c.
Chas. Banghaf
1st Lt. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agt.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
for Arkansas
Quartermasters & Disbursing Office

Little Rock, Ark. Sept. 25. 1865

Capt. Chas Bauzhaf
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 816. on the Merchants National Bank of Little Rock, Ark's for Eight $. dollars, in Payment of the following vouchers, viz:
W. Spring. Purchase of fuel $ 8.00

Please acknowledge receipt

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer

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Office Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
Oct 4th 1867.

Lieut Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith Monthly Report for month of August 1867.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. and A.L.

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200 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Sept. 16, 1867.

Capt. Chas. Bonghaf
Agent Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 796. on the Merchants National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark. for Two hundred & thirteen 17/100 Dollars in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

J. A. Haynes rely	$99 17	J. N. L. Main	$ 50
Jos. Smith	24	Henry Williams	20
W. W. Bailey	20		
			213.17

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully, Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock Ark., Sept 20th 1867

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Lieut Chas. Baughaf
Agent
Fort Smith, Ark.

Lieutenant:

I have the honor to inform you that your report of rations issued the Refugees and Freedmen for the month of August has not yet been received. You will forward the same without delay. Blanks were sent you some time since and a further supply is sent you by this days mail

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Jno. A. Burnett
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Office Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 4, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer, Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of yours of Sept. 16, 1867. containing your Check No. 796. for Two hundred and thirteen 7/100 dollars.

Also, yours of the 25th of Sept. 1867. inclosing your Check No. 816. for Eight dollars.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark, Oct. 5, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer, Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith corrected Returns, as per instructions from your office.

I am Col., very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

1st Lieut 10th U. S. Cav
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 5, 1867

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith, Monthly Report for Sept. 1867.
Also Manuscript Report " " "

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 5, 1867.

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of business transacted at this office during the month of Sept. 1867:

No. of Rations issued to Hospital 1010
" " " " " Employees 30
Total 1040

Cash value of Rations issued (@ 22½ cts.) $230

No. of Refugees under Medical treatment 33
" " Freedmen " " " 32
Total 65

The School at this place has closed. The Teacher, Mr. Howard, having gone home.

From some cause or other, the school met with great opposition,

and could not sustain the Teacher.

The School at Van Buren is in a prosperous condition, but the white population, in Van Buren being so intensely disloyal, Miss Farrar has had great dificulty in getting board.

The health of the community is improving.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

1st Lieut 10th U. S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 5, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Dist'g. Officer, Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith my Reports for month of September 1867:
Monthly Report of Bureau Stores
" " " Clothing
" " " Persons & Articles — Vouchers accompanying, and vouchers and Receipts for Wood and Straw, furnished to R. & F. Hospital, for Oct.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant

1st Lieut 10th U. S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

207 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 8th 1867.

Capt. Chas. Brughaf
Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 848, on the Merchants National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for Eight & 75/100 Dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Postage $8 75/100

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

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Acknowledged receipt of the above.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. October 5th 1867.

Special Orders
No. 47

Extract

5th The Commanding Officer Post of Fort Smith is hereby assigned to duty in this Bureau as Agent at Fort Smith. He will relieve 1st Lieutenant Charles Baugh-af, and will receipt to him for the books, papers and records of his office, and all property for which he is responsible.

By command of
Brevt Brigadier General C. H. Smith, U. S. A.
Assistant Commissioner

(Sgd.) Jno. E. Bennett
1st Lieut 28th U. S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

210 Special Orders } Head Quarters of the Army
No. 451. } Adjutant Generals Office,
Washington, September 24th. 1867.

(Extract)

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9. The Assistant Commissioner of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands for Arkansas, will select an officer from the troops serving in Arkansas to relieve 1st Lieutenant Charles Bauzhaf, 10th U.S. Cavalry, of his present duties.

Lieutenant Bauzhaf, upon being relieved, will proceed, without delay, to join his regiment at Fort Riley, Kansas.

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By command of General Grant:
E. D. Townsend
Assistant Adjutant General.

Official
Sgd. E. D. Townsend
Assistant Adjutant General.

1st Lieut. Chas. Bauzhaf
10th Cavalry

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For Arkansas.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.
Little Rock, Ark., October 5th 1867.

Special Orders
No. 47 } (Extract)

4th — 1st Lieutenant Charles Baughaf
10th U. S. Cavalry (late Captain of Volunteers.)
having been ordered to join his regiment, he
is hereby relieved from duty in this Bureau
as Agent at Fort Smith, and will turn over
the books, papers and records of his office,
and all property for which he is responsible, to
the Commanding Officer Post of Fort Smith,
taking his receipts for the same.

By command of
Brvt Brigadier General, C. H. Smith, U. S. A.
Assistant Commissioner.

(Sgd.) Jno. E. Bryant
1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

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Treasury Department
Third Auditor's Office
Oct. 5. 1867

Sir:

Your corrected B.R.F. & A.L. account current for the month of January, 1867, has been received at this Office.

Very respectfully
Your Obedient servant
(Sgd.) A.M. Gangewer
For Auditor

Capt. Chas. Bonesteel
Fort Smith
Ark.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
for Arkansas
Office of Surgeon-in-Chief
Little Rock, Ark. Sept 27, 1867.

Sir.

August 2nd 67 communication was rcd. from your office stating that by reason of the appearance of Cholera at Ft. Gibson & no other medical officer to be obtained, authority had been given Dr. Collins of Ft. Smith, to proceed to that point. You will please inform this office concerning the contract if any has been made with him and what instructions were given him — no reports have been received from him at this office

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) J.V. Dewell
Surgeon in Chief

Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Smith
Ark.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Ft. Smith, Ark. Oct. 15, 1867.

Dr. E. P. Denell
Surg. in Chief, Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 27th ult. and in reply would respectfully state that there was no written contract entered into between the Bureau at this place and Dr. Collins, it being a verbal understanding that the Agent would recommend and urge his appointment, which was done.

I forwarded your communication to Dr. Collins, at Ft. Gibson, and I suppose, he will, immediately on receipt of it, communicate with you, explaining the cause of the non-arrival of reports etc.

Very respectfully your Obt. Servt.

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Arkansas
Quartermasters & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 8th 1867.

Lieut. Chas. Bauzhaf.
Agent &c Fort Smith, Ark's.

Lieut.

Enclosed please find copy of communication of Gen Ballock Chief D.O.R.F.&A.L. In compliance therewith the Asst. Comr. directs that you immediately transfer to me on Form 5 & 2nd D. Rev. Army Reg. all Persons and Articles now borne on your Form 2 to date from Oct 1st 1867 with no pay due.

Hereafter the services of all Persons and Articles hired in the District of Ark's. will be reported by me and vouchers sent from this office for signature on the return of which properly receipted check for the amt will be sent to your address in payment of the same. No report Form 2 will hereafter be required from your Office but any changes must be promptly reported to this office as soon as made. that my report Form 2. may be promptly and correctly made and forwarded to the Chief D.O. Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Very respectfully
(Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
S.A. & D.O.

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War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
Chief Disbursing Office
Washington D.C. Sept. 27th 1867

Bt. Col. H. Page DQ
Little Rock, Ark's.
Col.

Your report of Persons & Articles hired &c at Lewisburg Ark's for Aug. 1867 has been received.

Hereafter you will please transmit a consolidated monthly report of Persons & articles hired in your District to this office in lieu of the reports from the several sub-Districts that you have heretofore transmitted.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Geo. H. Balloch
Bt Brig Genl & chief D.Q.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
For Arkansas.
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 9th 1867

Lieut. Chas. Bayhaf
Agent Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith Check No——. on the Merchants National Bank of Little Rock, Arks., for Twelve dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

V. Drill, for publishing Cir. 7. B.R.F.&A.L. Genl Ords Series.

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

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For Arkansas
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Oct 4th 1867.

Lieut. Chas. Barzhaf
Agent &c Fort Smith, Ark.

Lieutenant:

In reply to your communication of Sept 27th 1867, regarding your account for forage, I have the honor to inform you that voucher form 17 D.M.D. for actual cost of transportation on urgent public business, without orders made to cover the amount of your expenditures, will when approved by the Asst. Comr be paid at this Office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbg. Officer &c.

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Quartermaster General's Office
Division of Clothing and Equipage.
Washington City, D.C.,
October 8th 1867.

Sir:

Your Return of Clothing rendered as Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the month of July 1867. has been received and examined at this Office and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very respectfully, Your Obt Servant
By Order of the Quartermaster General
(Sgd.) Alex. J. Perry
Brevt Brig. General
and Quartermaster U.S.A.

To
Captain Chas. C. Bamzhaf
5th Regt U.S.C.
Fort Smith, Arkansas,

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War Department
Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Disbursing Officer
Washington, D.C., Oct. 9. 1867.

Captain C. Bamzhaf. Agent
Fort Smith
Ark's.

Captain:

Your corrected Accounts Current (so called) for Oct. 1866. and Jan. 1867. have been forwarded to this office for examination by the Third Auditor. Your Account for October

1866 shows a balance due the Government of $3.31. which is still unaccounted for. You will therefor forward to this Office an Acct. Current for Nov. 1866. with receipt showing transfer of said $3.30; also Acct. Current for Jan. 1867. balancing your Acts. by transfer of Cash. to Col. Page, D.C.

Very respectfully
(Sgd.) Geo. W. Balloch
Bvt. Brig. Genl. and Chf. D.C.

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War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Oct. 9, 1867

Sir:

Your Property Account Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of July 1867. has been received, examined, and from audited Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry M. Whittlesey
Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R.F. & A.L.

To
Capt. Wm. Vaughn,
Agent
Fort Smith, Ark.

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War Department,
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands
Office Chief Quartermaster,
Washington Oct. 9th 1867.

Sir:

Your Property Account "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of August 1867, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant.

(Sgd.) Henry M. Whittelsey
Chief Quartermaster Bureau R.F. & A.L.

To
Lieut Chas. Bamhaf
Agent
Fort Smith, Ark.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 17. 1867

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith transfer of Persons and Articles, in Bureau R.F. & A.L. at this place.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Disby. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 15. 1867

Lieut. Chas. Bainbridge
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Lieut.

I have the honor to enclose herewith Invoices of Five cords of Wood & Fifteen Hundred Pounds Straw. Your receipts for which have this day been received and filed

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry Page
S.A. & D.O.

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands,
for Arkansas.
Quartermaster's & Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 17. 1867.

Lieut. Chas. Baughof
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 911, on the Merchants National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark's. for Two hundred and twenty seven 00/100 Dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

J.A. Hammersly	99.17	J.F.T. Main	50.00
L. S. Spring	20.00	Henry Williams	20.00
Henry Morris	8.25	W.W. Bailey	20.00
Jos. Smith	10.50		

Please acknowledge receipt

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

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Office R.F.&Q.L. Fort Smith, Ark
October 22nd 1867

G.W. Balloch
Bvt. Brig. Genl. & Chf. D.C.
Washington D.C.
Genl:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated Oct. 9th '67, and in reply would most respectfully state that I sent a short time ago corrected Accts. Current, to the 3rd Auditor, also receipts for ~~Pay~~ $3.30 & $7.70, from Henry Page Bvt. Col. U.S.A.

When I was mustered out of the volunteer service I had $11.01 of my final pay stopped, my accts Current having been made out wrong

Enclosed please find corrected Accounts current.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.

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For Arkansas

Office of Assistant Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark. October 17th 1867

To the
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.
at Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir:

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you issue no more rations to any one not actually an inmate of the hospital at Fort Smith. All other issues are irregular and forbidden. The local civil authorities must provide for their poor.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

(Sgd.) Jno. E. Bennett
Actg Asst. Adjt. Genl.

L.S.M. U.S.A. 219

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Quartermaster Genrals Office.
Division of Clothing & Equipage
Washington City, D.C.,
October 18th 1867.

Sir:

Your Returns of Clothing rendered as Captain 8th Regiment V.R.C. & Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the months of April, May, and June 1867, respectively.— As Lieut. 10th Regt U.S. Cavalry. & Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the month of August 1867. have been received and examined at this Office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully, Your Obt. Servant
By Order of the Quartermaster General
(Signed) Alex. J. Perry
Brevt Brig. General
And Quartermaster U.S.A.

To
Lieut. Chas. Bayhaf
10th Regt. U.S. Cavalry
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Oct. 21. 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer, Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Reports for the month of October (ending 21st):

Monthly Reports Clothing
" " Property:

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

1st Lieut. 10th U. S. Cav.
Agnt Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 1st 1867

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel

I have the honor to transmit herewith, Bureau R. F. and A. L. Reports for the month of Oct. 1867:

Monthly Report Bureau R. F. & A. L. Clothing
" " " Stores

and Wood receipt and receipted vouchers therefor. for month of Nov. 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

O. Seymour
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agnt Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R.F. & a. L.
Fort Smith. Ark. Nov. 5. 1867.

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
a.d.a. Genl. Bureau R.F. & a.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of business transacted at this office during the month of October, 1867, viz:—

No. of Rations issued to	Hospital	971
" " "	Employees	31
	Total	1002

Cash value of rations @ 22½ cts. $221.69½
No of Refugees under Medical Treatment 43
" " Freedmen " " " 36
Total 79

The plan of working for a share of the crop has, so far as I know, been satisfactory to the parties concerned; but as yet I cannot give a definite opinion as to ~~the~~ whether it is the better plan or not.

It is utterly useless for planters to cultivate cotton. They cannot compete with planters in any other country unless they cheat their laborers out of their wages or proportion of the crop.

I would therefor respectfully recommend that no contracts with freedmen to labor on cotton plantations be sanctioned by the Bureau; unless they are paid monthly in advance. Otherwise they will necessarily be cheated out of their labor. For the proceeds of the crops can never realize sufficient to pay the expenses of cultivation.

A man who has not ready money sufficient to pay current expenses can no longer be trusted.

The few plantations in Arkansas not already mortgaged for more than they can sell for, can very profitably be planted in grain or potatoes and where capital

so wanting to do this, it would be true economy to lease or sell to those who have the necessary funds.

It will be many years before the labors of freedmen can ever be remunerative like were in the cultivation of cotton.

I am Sir
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt

Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Ft Smith, Ark. Nov. 5, 1867.

Lieut Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A.Genl.
Bureau R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Narrative and Monthly reports of Rations for month of October, 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Lieut Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

War Department
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Office Chief Quartermaster
Washington Oct. 29. 1867.

Sir:

Your Monthly Account Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage D. M. Department for the month of September 1867. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Bvt. Maj. Gen. Meigs, Quartermaster General U. S. Army.

By order of Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.) Henry M. Whittlesey
Chief Quartermaster Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To
Lieut Col. C. Kingsbury
Asst
Adjt General Ordnance

War Department

Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.
Office Chief Quartermaster.
Washington Oct. 30th 1867.

Sir:

Your Property Account. Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands for the month of September, 1867. has been received, examined, and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

By order of Maj. Gen O. O. Howard, Commissioner.
Very respectfully, your obedient servant

(Sgd.) Henry E. Whittlesey
Chief Quartermaster Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To
Lieut. Col. [illegible]
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Lands

2355 Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned
For Arkansas.
Quartermasters and Disbursing Office
Little Rock, Ark. Nov. 9. 1867

Col. Pinkney Lugenbeel
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.,
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Sir:-

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 1000. on Merchants National Bank, of Little Rock, Ark., for Thirty one 29/100 Dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:-

W. Spring 31.29

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully Your
Obt. Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 15, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer, Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 9th inst. enclosing your Check, No. 1002, on Merchants National Bank, Little Rock, Ark. for Thirty one 22/100 dollars, payable to E. Spring, or order. Enclosed please find his receipt for the same.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

P. Lugenbeel
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agnt Bureau R.F. & A. L.

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Disbursing Office B.R.F. and A.L.
Little Rock, Ark. Nov. 12. 1867

Lieut. Col. Pinkney Lugenbeel
Agnt Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Arkansas

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

J. A. Hammerly $99.17/100
H. H. Bailey $20.00
J. H. S. Main $50.00
Henry Williams $20.00

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness

Very respectfully Your Obedient Servant
(Sgd.) Henry Page
Disby. Officer B.R.F. and A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 16. 1867

Col. Henry Page
Supdg. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith vouchers of J.A. Hammersly, J.H.T. Main, H.W. Bailey, and Henry Williams, receipted as per instructions from your office

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
O. Leyendecker
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 21, 1867

On this day appeared Duncan Walker, a colored man and makes the following statement, viz:

I am a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, was born and raised there. I live in Scullyville County, near the town of Scullyville; I have a family consisting of three children and my mother. I am farming for a living. Last Summer I raised a crop on Phillip Cage's place. On the 18th of Nov. 1867 I rented a place of Susan Newberry for the ensuing year. Yesterday Nov. 19, 1867 I was ordered by Henry Meinhart Sheriff of Scullyville County C. N. to leave the Choctaw Nation within eight days. Sheriff Meinhart further stated that it was by order of the Chief, and that the order was for all negroes that were with the Federals, or in Fort Smith in 1863 to leave immediately.

I know of several others to wit Edmund Rickards, James Watters, Sandy Perryman, (all colored) and others who have recvd like orders.

(Sgd.) Duncan his X mark Walker

Attest
J. A. Hammond
Clerk in Bureau R.F. & A.L.

I have respectfully to request information, as to the status of the negroes in the Choctaw & Chickasaw Nation.

In case the Choctaw Authorities expel their former slaves from the Nation without any authority to do so, from the government of the United States it will become my duty to interfere & arrest the Governor, Sheriff & other Officials. To prevent such difficulties, I would respectfully recommend that the Superintendent or Agent for the Choctaws interfere for the protection of these negroes, who are certainly as much citizens of the Nation, as the Choctaws themselves, unless otherwise determined by treaty with the United States.

In the absence of the Agent for the Choctaws, this communication is respectfully referred to the Superintendent of Indian affairs for the Southern Superintendency.

P. Lyndebuck
Lieut. Col. 17th Inf.
Bvt. Maj. Gen'l U.S.A.
Agent R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 22nd 1867

Col: Henry Page
Dsbg. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Receipts for Wood for month of Nov. 1867, signed, as per your directions.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Leyendecker
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty.
Agnt Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 22nd 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Henry M. Whittlesey
Chief Q.M. Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith my monthly return of Clothing for the month of October 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Leyendecker
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty.
Agnt Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Col. Henry Page
Dsbg. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Nov. 28, 1867

Acknowledgd rect. of Check, No. 1046, from Col. Page, for Oct. expenses.

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Office. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 3. 1867

Col. Henry Page
Dsbg. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith Monthly Report of Stores pertaining to the Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the month of November 1867.

Also receipted vouchers of H. Spring, for Seven cords of Wood, at four 4.00/100 dollars per cord, furnished to the Bureau for month of Dec. 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Leyendecker
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty.
Agnt Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau C. F. A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 3rd 1867.

Bot. Brig. Genl. Henry W. Whittlesey
Chief D. M. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Washington D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith my Monthly Return of Clothing for the month of November 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

O. Lyndbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

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Fayettville, Arks.
Dec. 2nd 1867.

Comdr of Post Ft. Smith, Arks.

Sir

We have been informed that the Freedmans Bureau still hold a claim on our property here. We thought it had been released long since we herewith send you a copy of the Relinquishment of the Bureau and we desire you to have the matter properly arranged immediately and we will satisfy you for your trouble.

If anything further is necessary on our part inform us and we will ~~do~~ arrange it hoping to hear from you soon we remain

Your Obt.
(Sgd.) Henry & Putman

P.S

The property mentioned on your Books as that of Henry Holcomb, was the property of Henry & Holcomb and is now the property of Henry & Putman.

The application for the release of the property was made in the name of Henry, when & presume it should have been in the name of both Henry & Holcomb.

The property is now in the hands of Henry & Putman, and we desire that it may be released as soon as practicable you will in so doing confer a great favor on your most Obt.

(Sgd.) Henry & Putman

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Decr. 5. 1867

Lieut Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a letter from Henry & Putman, Fayetteville Ark., together with an official Copy of an order of Restoration, received with said letter.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
O. Langdeau
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Decr. 5th 1867.

Lieut Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of business transacted at this office during the month of November 1867:

No. of Rations issued to	Hospital	800
" " " "	Employees	30
	Total	830

Cash value of rations, @ 22⅛ cts. $183.63¾
No of Refugees under Medical Treatment 33
" " Freedmen " " " 22
Total 55

Many urgent upon the Freedmen here the importance of Schools, and I think they will secure a site for, and probably do something toward building a School house; and they will want, and doubtless be able to sustain a good Teacher

by the country, with the exception of the "Colony" in Franklin County, the colored people will not be able to do anything toward the education of their children until they get permanent homes.

There are now about 30 families in the Franklin County Colony, and they are very anxious to have their lands surveyed, but they are, at present, unable to pay a surveyor.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

O. Langenbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Decr. 3, 1867

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A.G. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Narrative Report and Monthly Report of Rations issued to R. & F. Hospital, for the month of November, 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

O. Langenbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 6th 1867

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith an Official Copy of Special Orders. No 87. from Genl. Sprague, Asst. Commissioner, showing that Lots 9, 10, 11 & 12, Block 28, and Lots 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9, Block "P" in the City of Fort Smith, Ark., reported as in possession of the Bureau, were restored.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

O. Sugenbel
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 8th 1867.

Special Orders }
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Louis Moore (colored) living at the Colony in Franklin County, Ark. will settle his indebtedness to Dr. Jos. S. Rowland.

The three bales of cotton for which Louis Moore, has taken out Gin Receipts, in the name of a minor son, will not be removed from the Gin house of Berry & Smith, two miles from Ozark, Ark. until he has proven that he has no interest either direct or indirect in it.

O. Sugenbel
Lieut. Col. 17th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Fayetteville, Ark. Dec 9th 1867.

Lt. Col. Sugenbel Ft. Smith, Ark.

Sir.

I enclose you an order from Genl. Sprague, dated March 6th. 1866, releasing the property formerly owned by Col. Jos. Davis. It has been registered by the Agent of the Freedmen's Bureau as the property of John Davis — no such man has ever lived here — it is a mistake in name, I can assure you this property is embraced in Gen. Sprague's Order. What more is required, if anything, to have the matter adjusted? Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your Obt. Servt.
(Sgd.)
D. Stevenson
Fayetteville, Ark.

252 Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri and Arkansas
Little Rock Ark. March 6th 1866.

Special Orders
No. 25

3- Joseph Davis of Washington Co. Ark. having been specially pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of that tract registered in the name of James Stevenson in Sec. 16. T. 16, N. R. 30 W. containing 4 acres more or less, in Dyersville, Ark. now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Jas. Stevenson, a loyal purchaser of the same; Nothing in the Order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

J. W. Sprague
Brig. Genl. Asst. Comr.

To
James Stevenson
Dyersville, Ark.

A True Copy
(Sgd.) L. L. Winelle
2nd Lieut 19th U.S. Infty.
Post Adjt.

Rec'd with letter, Dec. 11th 1867, to Gen. Smith

253 Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 13th 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to return herewith vouchers of J. A. Hammonds, J. H. F. Blair, W. W. Kelley, and Henry Williams, signed as per your accompanying letter.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lynenbeck
1st Lieut. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

254 Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 13th 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith corrected Returns of Bureau Stores and Clothing, for the months of Oct. and Nov. 1867; also Invoices from Lieut. Kaufhaf-

Very respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lynenbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Note: Invoices of Stores sent with return for October, was not returned by you

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 14, 1867

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Receipts for seven cords of Wood, for month of Dec. 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 17, 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer, B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Check No. 1113, for Thirty one & 20/100 dollars Enclosed please find H. Springs receipt for the same.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 23rd 1867

Mr. James Stronon
Fayetteville, Ark.

Sir:

~~I have the honor~~ having forwarded your letter of the 9th inst. together with copy of S.O. No 25, to Genl. Smith, Asst. Comr. on the 11th inst. it was returned with the following indorsement, viz:

Respectfully returned with the information that the records of this office show that the property with house thereon containing 2 rooms, registred in the name of Jas. Stronson, was returned to him as a loyal purchaser and that the property registred in the name of Colin Davis, with house thereon containing 4 rooms, was returned to C.D. Haines, as Agent for Joseph Davis, still leaving on the register at this office, one piece of property containing 8 rooms, registred in the name of Colin Davis. This ~~is~~ name Colin, was evidently entered on the register by mistake, instead of Colonel Davis.

By command of
Bt. Brig. Genl C.H. Smith
Asst. Commissioner
(Sgd.) Jno. A. Bennett
Acty. Asst. Adjt. Genl.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R.D. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 23rd 1867.

Mess. Henry & Putman
Fayetteville, Ark.

Gents.:

I have the honor to inform you that your communication of the 2nd inst. together with copy of S.O. No 56. was forwarded to Genl. Smith, Asst. Comr. and by his order the property therein relinquished, is dropped from the list.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Luyenbul
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.D. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.D. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 23rd 1867.

R.F. Queensbury, Esq.
Fayetteville, Ark.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 19th inst. I have the honor to state that neither your name nor the name of Geo. W. Clark, appears on the list of unrestored property for Washington Co. Col. Brooks, has a copy of the list which, perhaps, you had better see, and ascertain if any of the lands therein mentioned belongs to you.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

P. Luyenbul
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.D. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.D. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 24th 1867.

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. B.R.D. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following estimate of clothing needed for issue to the destitute in my district during the next six months, viz:

(100) One hundred Hats
(200) Two hundred Caps
(150) One hundred Fifty Woolen Blankets.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Luyenbul
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.D. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.D. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 28th 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer, B.R.D. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st inst. enclosing your check, No. 1113, on the Merchants National Bank, for one hundred and eighty nine 17/100 dollars. Enclosed please find receipts showing proper disbursement of the same.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Luyenbul
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.D. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 28th 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to report the following changes in the Bureau at this place, viz:
The Hospital was moved from J.H.S. Main's building on the 18th inst. and occupied a house belonging to J.R. Kennady from the 18th to the 27th inst. inclusive, at Forty dollars per month.

Dr. J.E. Bennett, A.A. Surg. B.R.F. & A.L. rented a house, 2 rooms, for dispensiary, on the 18th inst. at fifteen dollars per month.

I have discharged the Messenger, Henry Williams, moved the Office Furniture of the Bureau, into the room used as my Hd. Qrs., stored the clothing and other Bureau stores in the Govt. Storeroom. Therefore, after the close of the year 1867. the expenses of the Bureau at this place will be as follows, viz:

Dr. J. E. Bennett and his employees ——
House, 2 rooms, J. R. Kennady, $15. per month, (Disp.)
Fuel ——
J. A. Hammerly, Clerk, ——

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

P. Lynch
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 31st 1867.

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Returns of Bureau Stores and Clothing for month of Dec. 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lynch
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 31. 1867

Genl. Shepherd
Gardner Barracks

Mary Shepherd, your wife makes complaint that you beat and otherwise abused her, and drove her from home. You will, immediately on receipt of this letter, take her back home as your wife, and treat her in a Christian like manner, or deliver up to her such of the household and other effects as belong to her. And you are hereby warned not to marry another unless divorced by law.

By order of P. L.
Lieut. Col. Pinkney Lugenbeel
17th U. S. Infantry
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

J. A. Hammerly
Clerk.

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Officer Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Decr. 31st 1867

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A A Asst. Genl. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit report of business transacted at this office during the month of December 1867:

No. of Rations issued to Hospital 246
" " " " " Employees 31
Total 277

Cash value of Rations issued @ 22½ cts., $61.28⅝
No. of Refugees under Medical Treatment 28
" " Freedmen " " " 17
Total 46

I have discharged the Messenger, stored the clothing and other Bureau Stores in the Govt. Storehouse, and moved the Bureau Officer to my P. Dwg.

There are frequent applications at this office for rations — and as it seems this is a general rendezvous for the Paupers of Western Ark's., the County Officials utterly failing to do anything to alleviate the sufferings of their poor

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

C. Lynde
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Officer Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 31st 1867

Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith Monthly report of rations issued, and Narrative report for month of Dec. 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

Officer Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Ft. Smith, Ark. Jany. 3rd 1868

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to transmit herewith receipted vouchers for fuel required during the month of Jany. 1868.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

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Endorsement on Com. from Montague & Powell, Ozark, Ark.

H.Q. Dist. Fort Smith, Ark.
January 14. 1868.

Respectfully returned to — Turner, Esqr. the Justice of the Peace, who has ordered a Board of Arbitration to assemble — Attention invited to Circular 22 & 24 of 1867. from H.Q. Dept. 4th Mil. Dist: with these Circulars & the evidence before him, he can act advisedly in this matter & see justice rendered

P. Lyndenberg
Lieut. Col. 19th Inf.
Comdg. Post
Agent R.F. & A.L.

Endorsement
on Communication from
W. J. Montague

H.Q. Dept. Fort Smith, Ark.
Janry 23rd 1868.

Respectfully returned to Lt. J. Montague.

I have no authority to decide any case on an appeal statement. The Board of Arbitration should be assembled and their decision will be final

If Ward however made a settlement with Caesar & a balance found due Caesar for services rendered. I see no necessity for calling a Board as the due bill alone would be the only evidence.

In case you, as Wards Assignee, allege fraud, then the case should be arbitrated.

P. Lyndenberg
Lieut. Col. 19th Inf
Comdg. Post
Agent R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R. E. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Feby. 1st 1868.

Col Henry Page
Disby. Officer, B.R.E. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Col:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my monthly Report of Bureau Stores and Clothing Return for the month of January 1868.

Also: receipted vouchers and my receipts for fuel for month of Feby. 1868.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyndall
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty
Agent Bureau R. E. & A. L.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. March 31, 1868

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Col:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Check, No. 1453. for Ninetynine 17/100 dollars in payment of J.A. Hammerly's account for month of Feby. 1868.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
O. Lyonbel
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. April 3, 1868

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Col.:

I have the honor to transmit herewith my Return of Property and Return of R.C. & G.S. for the month of March 1868. Also new Property Returns for the months of January and February 1868. and request that they be substituted for the Returns previously sent for those months.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
O. Lyonbel
Lieut. Col. 17th U. S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Apr. 3, 1868.

~~Col. Henry Page~~
~~Supt. Office, Bur~~
Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A. A. A. Genl. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to submit the following report of business transacted in the Bureau R. F. & A. L. at this place for the month of March 1868.

The condition of affairs is somewhat improved among both refugees and freedmen, there being now but little real destitution among them though they are very poor. They are also giving some evidence of industry and economy.

Rev. E. A. Miller, Asst. Supt. Education, has been in our midst some days and, by earnest and persistent energy, he has succeeded in securing three lots to be used for School purposes, and raised $225. towards paying for them (one half the cost of same) and the American Missionary Association, for which he is the authorized State Agent, pledges itself for any equal sum.

The Deed of Transfer to the Association is now being executed.

According to Circular 21, dated Office Asst Comr. Little Rock, Ark. Nov. 18th 1867, it is required that the assd should be furnished upon application is made for erecting a building - but I hope it will not be required in this case, for the reason that, at present it is impossible for the freedmen to secure the funds necessary.

I would respectfully recommend that a School house, not to cost less than $2500. be erected here immediately

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
O. Lyonbeck
1st Lt. 17th Inf. A. A. A. Gen. B. R. F. & A. L.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Apr. 8th 1868

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer, B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith vouchers of J. A. Hammerly for months of March 1868 ~~as~~ receipted as per instructions

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyonbeck
Lt. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent B.R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. April 11th 1868

A.P. Howe
Bvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.
In Charge of Claim Division Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

Sir:

In obedience to your instructions of March 30th 1868, I have the honor to forward herewith, Auditors blue letter, which accompanied Certificate No. 38,934 for $300. in favor of Elijah Bryant, late Priv. Co. A. 113th U.S. ~~Infty~~ C.T.

With reference to Attorneys bills etc., I would respectfully state that there are none.

I have the honor to be very respectfully,
your Obt. Servt.

P. Lyonbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. April 16. 1868

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to forward herewith corrected C.E. & S.E. Returns for the months of October and November 1867.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
P. Engelbeck
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Apr. 20th 1868.

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to acknowledge the rect. of your Check, No. 1537, for Ninety nine & 100 dollars in favor of J.A. Hammersly, for services rendered as Clerk in B.R.F. & A.L. in Month of March 1868.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

P. Engelbeck
Lieut Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Apr. 20th 1868.

Col. Henry Page
Disbg. Officer B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel:

I have the honor to request you to send me the following amount of Stationery, for use in this office, viz:—

Four Quires Letter Paper
Two " Fools Cap "
One Hundred Envelopes, Official.
Security five " Letter

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Lyndsley
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Apr. 24. 1868.

W. W. Granger
Special Inspector & Surveyor
B.R.F. & A.L. for Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 17th inst I have the honor to state that the lands now occupied by the Colony of freedmen referred to. are as a follows, viz:-

Parts of Sections 33, 34, 35, & 36, T. 9 N. of R. 27 W. Franklin Co.
" " " 27 & 36 " " " " " 28 " " . "
" " " 2 — " 8 " " " 27 " " "

There are about twenty five families in the Colony.

I cannot find out whether it is Rail Road lands or not. But the people there have lately been informed, through some source, that the "evil" Sections are R. R. lands.

I would be glad if you would go to the R.R. office at Little Rock and find out about these lands.

It is important that the lands be surveyed off as early day as possible, and secured to the colored settlers, as they are continually hearing reports, to the effect, that their lands will be taken away from them, and some of them have ceased improving their lands, because of this uncertainty.

They have acquired no title.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
P. Engelbert
First Lieut. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Through
Lieut. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A.G. Dept. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark May 7. 1868

Col. Henry Page
Deity. Officer, B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Colonel;

I have the honor to forward herewith, Monthly Returns of P.L. & L.E. for the month of April 1868
Monthly Returns of B.R.F. & A.L. Stores for the mth " " "
Quarterly Statement P.L. & L.E. for qr ending March 31 "
" " Bureau Stores " " " " " " "
Also corrected P.L. & L.E. Return for month of Nov 6

Very respectfully, your obt. Servt.
C. Luyenbeul
Bvt Col 19th U.S. Infty. Agt B.R.F. & A.L.

Note "A" Form 41
not required nothing
to report.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark May 7. 1868

Bvt. Lt. Col. Benner
A.A.Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark

Sir;

I have the honor to report that there was no business, worthy of note, transacted at this office during the month of April 1868, beyond the issue of clothing.

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.
C. Luyenbeul
Bvt Col 19th U.S. Infty. Agt B.R.F. & A.L.

Office B.R.F. & A.L. Ft Smith, Ark May 7. 1868

E. Whittlesey, A.A.Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.
Washington D.C.

Sir;

I have the honor to forward herewith my second report for the month of April 1868. Please send me some Blanks, No 4.

Very respectfully, your obt. servt.
C. Luyenbeul
Bvt Col 19th Infty. Agt B.R.F. & A.L.

Roll 8

Target 7

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

Letters Received Mar. 1866–Oct. 1868

State of Arkansas
County of Sebastian

Personally appeared before Louisa Sparks and upon her oath says the the facts set forth in the within petition are true in substance and in fact given under my hand this 30th day of March A.D. 1866

John Stryker J.P.

We Caroline Hoot and Harriet Landraw having heard the within and foregoing petition of Louisa Sparks read and being well acquainted with the facts and circumstances therein stated do depose and say that matters therein stated are true.

Caroline her + mark Hoot
Harriet Mc her + mark Landraw

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of March 1866

John Stryker J.P.

Filed for record April 5th 1866 5 o'clock
Wm. Quinton Clk.
By Wm. M. Smith Deputy

Recorded in Book "C" Page 33
Wm. Quinton Clk.
By Wm. M. Smith Deputy

Filed, The Within Deed of Release
by Stevens P.M. 9th June
Chas. F. Knox Circuit Clerk
Ordered to be Recorded
This 9th day June 1866
By order of the Court
Wm. M. Smith Deputy

Recorded in Book "C" page 33
Chas. F. Knox Circuit Clerk
By Wm. M. Smith Deputy

Know all men by these presents that we Louisa Sparks and Harriet Landraw of the County of Sebastian and State of Arkansas for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars to us in hand paid by Captain's Company of Gill's Battalion Confederate U.S. Scouts and Rangers the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain sell and convey unto the said Captain's Company of Gill's Battalion Confederate U.S. Scouts and Rangers and their successors and assigns forever the following described property to wit: One Negro man named Sam about twenty five years of age and one Negro boy named Ben about fifteen years of age to have and to hold the said property unto the said Captain's Company of Gill's Battalion Confederate U.S. Scouts and Rangers and their successors and assigns forever and we do hereby warrant the title to said property against the claims of all persons whatsoever

Witness our hands and seals this 30th day of March A.D. 1866

Louisa Sparks
Harriet Mc Landraw

Executed in the presence of
John Stryker J.P.

To Capt Abbott the Freedmans Bureau

Your petitioner Louisa Sparks would most respectfully state that on or about the 1st of February A.D. 1866 she bought of one David Williams a house or board shanty situated on the east side of the Roman Catholic school lands and paid him twenty four dollars therefor that said house was the private property of the said David Williams and built on said land by the permission of the owner thereof. that your petitioner on buying the same took possession thereof and has been occupying the same as a dwelling ever since that said house constitutes no part of the soldiers or officers quarters and is private property that your petitioner is a poor Colored woman and keeps a quiet and orderly house and works to make a living. That she would be unable to make a support if turned of her house and would be endanger of suffering. She further states that Capt Howland now in command of the Fd. Hd. Qrs has notified her to leave the said house by tomorrow or otherwise he will turn her out by force. Wherefore Petitioner prays the protection of your Bureau and that you issue him an order to protect her in her property and restraining all persons from intruding on the premises and her said house and as in duty bound she will ever pray &c

her
Louisa + Sparks
mark

Office Supt R. F. & A. L.
Ft Smith Ark
Mar 31st /66

Respectfully returned
the Act of
Congress approved
by the President dated
March 13th 1865 Commit-
ting to this Bureau
the supervision of all
Abandoned Property
and the control of
all subjects relating
to Freedmen.

If the negroes
paid for the Property
I must protect
her in it.

Thos J Abel
Lt & Supt
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Head Quarters 3d U.S. Cavs
Fort Smith Ark March 31st /66

Respectfully returned this
Property is not abandoned
The House was built by
Enlisted men of 9th Iowa
Cavalry. The 3d Cavalry U.S.
relieved the 9th Iowa. and
are entitled to their
Quarters. (those quarters) and are under
my charge. and I
need them for the
use of my Command.
If the person purchased
them she had no
right to do so. Neither
had the man a right
to sell them.

Gall Norland
Capt Comdg U.S. 3d Cavs

Office Supt R. F. & A. L. Mo'ds
Ft Smith Ark
March 28th 1866

Respectfully Forwarded to Asst Com'r Bureau for Ark. No applications of the kind ever having been made I am at a loss to know how to act. I have no Asylum or place to bind them out. I have issued rations and clothing to them and will continue to do so until I hear from you

Your Obt Servt
Thos J Abel

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L. R. A 568 — 1866

Fort Smith Ark
April 2/66 March 28th 1866

Abel Capt & A.
Supt Ass't F. M.

Refers letter of Dr R Fisher stating he has three destitute negro children & desires to bind them as & the proper authorities has been waiting Mr Berry's appointment but as he has recd no authority is at a loss what Capt Thomas Assistant agent of this Bureau

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Mo'ds
Little Rock Ark
April 2nd 1866

Respectfully returned. Your action in issuing rations to these destitute children is approved. If they cannot be apprenticed to proper parties, they should be sent to the Orphan Asylum here at Little Rock, in charge of some competent person

Assistant agent of this Bureau
Mens
F. S. Smith
Asst

By Order of
Bvt Genl J. W. Sprague
Asst Commr.
Geo E. Dayton.
Chief Clerk

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Recd PR 2 R.F. & A.L. Mo'ds Ark.

Camp Near Franklin Tenn Ass't
March 24th 1864.

Capt Thos I Able.

Dear Sir

I have in my
Possession three Negro Children to wit
One a girl about 14 years old. Martha a
bout 6 years old Susan about 4 years old
the two younger is sisters father and
Mother both dead. The elder has no
relatives nearer than Linn they are
destitute of Rashions & Cloathing. I desire
to turn them over to proper authorities
whear they will be properly cared for. I have
been awaiting the confermation of
the appointment of Mr Berry of this
place. but he has not had no authority
yet. and I am at a loss to know what
to do with the Children Yours very
Respectfully
Wm R Welker

Van Buren Ark
Oct 26 1866

Cooper Col. Saml F.

Sends Communication with
regard to people drawing
rations and selling to
Citizens of Van Buren Ark

Van Buren Ark.
Apr. 6th 1866.

Captain.

Persons pay their passage & cross here without applying to me. They are afraid of me. I hope you will refuse every person coming from any of the counties this side of the river, without an order. I am astonished at the imposition heretofore practiced. I have undertaken to stop it, and will do it. I would earnestly advise you to issue no more clothing to any one, except to the sick, on application of some responsible person.

People draw clothing and grain for seed and come over here and openly ~~them~~ sell & barter it away.

Yours truly.

Samuel B. Cooper,

Capt J.F. Abel
Asst Q.M. &c.

NARA 43A

Camp Near Little Rock
Clayton's Division
Little Rock Ark
April 11 66

Tyler Capt - John 2 D N.C.
in Charge of Office

Circular Letter

Forwards Blank Forms
for Claims of Colored
Soldiers

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Claim Division
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., April 11th 1866

Circular Letter:

Sir.

Having been assigned to duty by Par. 9 of Special Orders No 33 dated Bureau R F & A L. Little Rock, 31st March. ult. in charge of the Claim Division of said Bureau. I take the time to transmit herewith, a supply of the blank forms for claims of colored soldiers, sailors, and their representatives against the United States, and printed instructions for preparing the same, and to inform you that the remaining forms will be furnished as soon as they are received. Any information upon this subject, beyond what is contained in the enclosed will be given if desired.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servt
John Tyler
Capt 27 R C
In charge of Office.

Capt T. Abel
Asst &c
Fort Smith Ark.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark. Apr 11 66

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Sprague Brig Gen J W.

Forwards Copy of register
of Abandoned Lands in
Dist of Fort Smith
Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

~~OFFICE OF SURGEON IN CHIEF.~~

Little Rock Ark April 11th 1866

Capt Th. J. Abel

Supt &c Ft Smith Ark.

Capt,

Enclosed you will find a copy of the register of Abandoned Lands in your Dist, as shown by the books in this office. The Asst Comr wishes to know how Chaplain Springer made his reports if he kept no register of the Lands.

By order of

Brig Genl J. W. Sprague Asst Comm

Geo E. Dayton.

Chief Clerk.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
April 11th 1866

Special Order No 37

Relating to property of
Henry Provost of
Van-Buren Ark.

Bureau R. F. & A. L. Mo and Ark
Little Rock Ark. April 11th 1866.

Special Order
No 37

1. Henry Pernot of Crawford Co. Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lots Nos 1. 2. 3 and 14. Block 16. in the town of VanBuren Ark. with the buildings thereon, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the said Henry Pernot; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau. for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

By Capt [illegible]

J. R. Sprague
Brig Genl. Asst Commr.

War Depr
Adjutant Gens Office
Washington April 16

Townsend E. D. Adjt Gen

Sends copy of Telegram
to Bvt Maj Gen J. W. Sprague
Asst Com. B R F & L &c

War Department
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington. April 9th 1866.

Brvt Maj Genl J. W. Brannan
Comdg Dept of Georgia
Augusta. Ga.

The Commissioner Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen &c. for the State of Georgia having inquired whether the Presidents recent proclamation removes martial law, and stated that the Department Commander does not feel authorized to arrest parties who have committed outrages on Freedpeople or Union refugees, the Secretary of War, with the approval of the President directs me to inform you, that the Presidents Proclamation does not remove martial law, or operate in any way upon the Freedmens Bureau, in the exercise of its legeimate jurisdiction.

It is not expedient however to resort to

military tribunals in any case where justice can be attained through the medium of civil authority.

(Sgd) E. D. Townsend
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official Copy of Telegram respectfully furnished for the information of Brig Genl J. W. Sprague Asst Commr.

(Sd) C. H. Howard
Asst Brig Genl and A.D.C.

Official Copy
D. S. S. Williams,
A.A.G.

To
Capt Thos J. Cabell,
Capt & Asst Qr Mar
Fort Smith,
Arkansas.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. April 5th 1866.

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Sprague Brig. Gen. J W. Sprague

Forwards Blank Form for allowing the hire - last by Freedmen

NARA 44A

Bureau R F & A.L.
Little Rock Ark. Oct 1866

Sir,

Enclosed you will find a blank form which the Asst Comr recommends that you adopt in allowing the time lost by the Freedmen in your District

By Order of
Brig Gen'l D.W.S Sprague
Geo C. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Capt A.J. Abel
Supt R F & A L
Ft Smith
Ark

L. R. A. 731 - 1866

Charges & Specifications

against

Frank Scruggs

Colored Citizen

Forwarded by Capt Thos. L. Abel

Supt Bureau R. F. K. & L.

MAY 7

Charges and Specifications against Frank Scruggs a Colored citizen of Sebastian County State of Arkansas

Charge 1st.

Threatening to take the life of a Freedman

Specification

In this that the said Frank Scruggs Colored Citizen of Sebastian County Arkansas, did when John W. Ake a Colored Citizen of Sebastian County, Arkansas proposed to go home from where he John W. Ake and Frank Scruggs aforesaid had been sawing some timber, threatened to take the life of said John W. Ake in the following language Viz.

"God damn you - you are always running your own way, I will shoot you" pointing a gun at him at the same time; all this on the line branch at or near the farm of Mr Myers about two and a half miles from Fort Smith Arkansas, on or about the first day of April 1866

Charge 2nd Murder

Specification

In this that the said Frank Scruggs, a colored citizen of Sebastian County Arkansas, did, with malice aforethought discharge a rifle gun, the same being loaded with powder and leaden ball, at the person of John W. Ake, a Colored Citizen of Sebastian County Arkansas, inflicting a wound in his left side the ball passing through his body and lodging in his right arm, from which wound, the said John W. Ake died — all of this on the line branch at or near the farm of Mr. Keyes about two and one half miles from Fort Smith Arkansas. On or about the 1st day of April 1866.

Witness:
Dr. F. E. Bennett
Isaac Ake
Mary Ake

Thos. J. Abel
Capt. Supt. Bureau, Refugees
Freedmen, & Abd, Lands,

Resolution

Thirty Ninth Congress

U. S. House of Representatives

Passed May 1st 66

Thirtyninth Congress.
First Session

Congress of the United States,
In the House of Representatives.

May 1st 1866

Mr. Kelly submitted the following which was adopted:-

Whereas, it is reported by citizens of Alabama in formal memorial to the two houses of Congress, that many of the people of the mountain districts of that State, are suffering from want of adequate supplies of food, and that considerable numbers of them have died from actual Starvation, Therefore,

Be it enacted, That the President be requested to instruct the proper officers of the Bureau of Refugees and Freedmen to enquire into the conditions of said Districts, and any other districts of the late insurgent States, in which suffering may be said to exist, and to relieve the people thereof, and provide them with corn and other seed for planting a crop sufficient for an annual supply of each family requiring such relief

Attest

(Sgd) Edwd McPherson

Official

(Sgd) A.P. Ketchum

A.A.A. Genl

Official Copy

D.N. Williams

Asst Adjt Genl

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark. May 1st 1866

S.O. No. 43

Capt Jno Tyler 2nd VRC.
assigned to duty as Actg
Asst Quartermaster in
Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 1st 1866.

Special Orders
No. 43.

1. Capt. Jno. Tyler, 2nd U.S.C.
in addition to his other duties is hereby assigned to duty as Actg Asst Quartermaster, in this Bureau, and will report to Capt. H. Skinner, Chief Quartermaster, for orders.

By order of
Brig. Genl J. H. Sprague, Asst Comy.
D. G. Williams,
Asst Adj't Genl.

Capt P. J. Abel
Supt Asst Pro Mar R. & F.
Fort Smith Ark.

Fort Smith Ark
May 2nd 1866

L.R. A 731 - 1866
Abel Capt Thos J.

Transmits Charges & Specifications against Frank Scruggs Freedman to Brig Genl G H. Sprague Asst Comsy & asks for a military commission

Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Ms, Ark. and Indian Territory
Little Rock. Ark. May 8th 66

Respectfully returned. this case had better be turned over to the civil authorities.

Under the civil rights bill which has become a law, the case can be tried this same as though the parties were white citizens.

By Order of
Bvt Maj Genl Sprague.
Asst Comm
D B Williams
A.A.G.

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Rec'd MAY 7 BUREAU R.F. & A.L.

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., May 2nd 1866.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith copy of Charges and Specifications against Frank Scruggs Freedmen and would respectfully ask that a Military Commission be Convened at this Post to dispose of the Case, as it is one of too much importance to be tried by a single officer. I do not think it would be well to place the case in the hands of the Civil Authorities while reviewed feelings of hatred are being displayed toward the negro by a majority of the Citizens of this part of the State

I am Sir.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

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[illegible]
A. A. G. & A. L. Co.
[illegible]

Fort Smith, Ark.,

May 4th 1866.

Edmondson, Samuel

Letter of explanation
regarding certificates for
Rations.

Fort Smith May 4th 66
Edmondson Samuel
Letter of Explanation
regarding certificates
for
Rations

Fort Smith Ark. May 4/66

Capt Thos J. Abel

Dear Sir

I received your note during my attention to a case in the Court House & I was surprised at its contents. I am truly sorry that anything of the sort has occurred. I am ready & willing to make out the documents for all such parties at any & all times & do not ask or expect any compensation for what little I have to do for their relief.

Very Respectfully
Saml Edmonds

P.S.

I give you great credit for your vigilance in aprising the poor & needy

Edmunds

War Department
Bureau A. & I. G. O.
May 4th 64

Respectfully Bvt Brig Gen.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit herewith a Copy of Resolution of House of Representatives

War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c,
Washington May 4th 1866.

Bvt Maj. Genl J. W. Sprague,
Asst Commr,
General,

I am directed by Maj Genl Howard, to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives.

The Commissioner wishes you to make immediate inquiry into the condition of persons included within the class referred to by the resolution, and to report the result of your inquiries and the action that it may be necessary to take for their relief.

The Commissioner also directs that hereafter a Monthly Estimate for each State be made by each Asst Comr showing the amount of rations which will be needed to prevent actual suffering among the class of persons above referred to, and that such estimate be forwarded to these Head Quarters as early as possible in the month preceding the one for which the estimate is made.

With regard to furnishing corn and other seed for planting, the Secretary of War wishes as soon as it can possibly be furnished, a Schedule embracing the names of landowners and others according to the form enclosed. Fill the blanks opposite the names of men who have no land: "no land"

Please call upon the Governor and other civil authorities for aid, when it will hasten your work. The County magistrates will easily ascertain the facts where there is no Agent.

I am General,

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt Servt,

(Sgd) A.P. Ketchum,

Asst Adjt Genl.

Official Copy

D. H. Williams

Asst Adjt Genl

Survey R F Lad..
Little Rock. Ark.
May "4" 1866

S. O. No "44"

Restoring Property
of Patrick Lynch
of Van Buren Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 4 1866.

Special Orders
No 44

2.- Patrick C. Lynch of Van Buren, Crawford Co. Ark, having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lots No. 5 & 6, Block 2, in Van Buren, Crawford Co. now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to said Patrick C. Lynch; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

By order of
Brig. Gen'l J. W. Sprague, Asst Com'r
S. B. Williams,
Asst Adj't Gen'l.

Capt Ph. J Abel
Supt & Pro. Mas
Ft Smith Ark

B.C.I. & L.
Mo. Ark. & Miss. Levy
Little Rock Ark
May 9th 66

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Spragg via Brt Maj. Gen J. H.
Asst Comsy R.C.I. & A.L.

Kennedy's receipt of Report of Abd Lands & Instr the attention of Supts to Circular 15 of Oct 25, which requires only the changes occurring the month to be reported Desires the Supt to inform as far as practicable parties whose lands are on reg is ter, to make application for restoration or pay rents.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. May 9th 1866.

Capt Thos J. Abel
Supt and Pro Mar
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

The Asst Commr directs me to acknowledge receipt of your April Report of Abandoned Lands, and to call your attention to Circulars 15 & Oct 25th 1865 which requires only the changes during the month to be reported.

He desires you, to inform, as far as practicable, those parties, whose lands are on your register, that the same are in possession of the Bureau, and they will be compelled to pay rent to the Govt until they are released, on the proper application to the Asst ...

By Order of
Bvt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague Asst Commr
Geo E. Dayton, Chief Clerk

Fort Smith Ark
May 9th 1866
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Abel Capt Thos J.

Foxwoods Claim of Austin
Geary for Arrears of Pay & Bounty
& enclosing his discharge

Ord W N J C No 1866
Bureau R F and A. L.
Claim Division
Little Rock 18 May 1866
Respy returned to Capt
Abel. The letter called for
in "Note" to letter of instructions
from War Dept B R F & A L.
giving requirements of Pay
Muster Gen'l omitted and
should be forwarded. But as
the Discharge is endorsed "Paid
in full" & refer that the claim
is for bounty only, which it
says this soldier provided
he was free on or before 15th
April 1861 & was actually
enrolled and subject to
draft in the State when he
enlisted" which be shown
as directed in Par 3 of
Memorandum Circular
this office dated May 6th
inst. Abel Over/

John Tyler
Capt 2 Ord
In Chge of Office

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., May 9th 1866.

Sir!

I have the honor to forward herewith a claim for Arrears of Pay & Bounty of Pvt. Austin Garey Co. G. 83 U.S.C.I. Infty. accompanied by his discharge

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Thos J Abel
Capt Supt R. F. & A.L.

To
Capt. Orton Dyke
2nd U.S.C.I.
Little Rock
Ark.

Hd. Qrs. Post of Fort Smith
Fort Smith Ark. May 4/66

Special Order No 76.

(Extract)

Relieving Pvt Cyp Mattlock Co. B. 57th U.S. Inf from duty at the Office Supt B.C. & A.L. and ordering him to report to his Co Commander for duty.

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Hd Qrs Post Fort Smith
Fortsmith, Ark. May 11th 1866.

Special Orders
No 76

Extract

III. Private Cass Matlock, Co "B"
57th U.S. Col. Inf. is hereby relieved from duty at the Office of Superintendent, Refugee, Freedm. & Abnd Land and will report to his Company Commander without delay.

By Order of Col. T. Harwood
Jno. J Bousquet
1st Lieut & Post Adjut.

Capt W. Aber
Capt A. Freedmen Bu.

Fort Smith Ark
May 15th 1866

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L. R. S. 798 ~ 1866

Forwarded Lt. S.
Asst Supt &c.

Capt Abel left 12 inst
Has turned over to me all
books papers & records of
his office. The decision
in case of Frank Scruggs
has been carried out
& I am authorized to
turn over all cases to
the civil authorities
too important to be tried
by a single officer.

Bureau
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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark May 22/66

Respectfully returned.
It is desirable that all
cases that can properly be
adjudicated by the Civil
Authorities, should be
disposed of in that way.
under the "Civil rights bill"
nearly all can be referred
to the Civil Courts ——

By Order of
Bvt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
Asst Commr

D B Williams
Adj.

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Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., May 15th 1866.

Sir.

I have the honor to state, that Capt Thos J Abel left Fort Smith the 12th inst, and has turned over to me, all Funds, Books, & Papers, pertaining to the Office. Your decision in the case of Frank. Scruggs, (Freedman) has been carried out, and the prisoner is now in the hands of the Civil Authorities.

Am I authorized to turn over all Cases to the Civil Authorities that are of too much importance to be tried by a single Officer? Please advise me more fully at your earliest Convenience.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
1st Lieut & Supt R. F. & A. L.

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Fort Smith. Ark. May 16/66.

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S. Geisreiter,

Lieut. Supt. R. R. F. & A. L.

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Enquires whether the application of Cornelius Cash Cagen late of Co. C. 3rd U. S. Cavy. for pension - made thro' Abe Pennet & Remaway of St. Louis, Mo. on May 16, '66, - has been recd and granted, and, if not, asks instructions how to proceed in the case. —

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Adjutant General's Office

B Washington, D.C.

May 30 1866.

Respectfully returned to Lt. S. Geisreiter, Freedman's Bureau, Fort Smith, Arkansas, with the information that applications of this kind should be forwarded to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D.C.

By Command of
Asst. Adjt. General.

5-28-66.
Rec.
E.E.H.

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., May 16" 1866.

Sir.

I have the honor to State that Mr. Cornelius Eagen, formerly a Soldier in Co "C." 3rd U. S. Cavalry, ("Capt Rowland Comdg Co.") was discharged the 18. day of June 1865 while the Command was in New Mexico, by reason of Surgeons Certificate of disability, and now Claims to be entitled to pension. He further states that he employed Bennet & Hemanway of St Louis Mo. to make out, and forward, the necessary documents to secure said pension, on or about the 18" of May 1866. That he has written repeatedly to Bennet & Hemanway, but can get no satisfaction from them.

I would respectfully ask in his behalf, whether the Claim has been allowed, or not if not. for the necessary instructions to enable him to secure the same

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Asst Supt R F & A L.

To
Adjutant Generals Office
Washington
D. C.

Little Rock Ark May 18/64

To ——

Sprague Brvt. Maj. Genl. U.S.A.

Instructions to Maj. J. T. Hudson
Genl Supt B. R. F. & L. as to the duties
of Officers of the Bureau under
the civil rights bill.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., May 18th 1866.

Maj Jas D Watson,
Genl Supt &c
Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of May 15th asking information relative to, and defining the powers of the Bureau under the "Civil Rights Bill."

I am directed by the Asst Comr to reply, that the effect of the "Civil Rights Bill" is to place the Freedmen under the laws of the State, so far as protection and punishment are concerned, the same as if they were white, and it makes it the duty of civil officers, under severe penalties, so to apply the said laws to the Freedmen

It will therefore readily appear to you, that nearly if not all cases requiring judicial action can be turned over to the civil Courts for trial, and that the duties of the Supt in this regard will be mainly to see that the Freedman receives a fair trial, or in other words that the law is

impartially applied to his case by the magistrate, and to report any discrimination against the Freedman.

It does not follow from this that Supts are prohibited from "hearing and determining cases" as heretofore. There may be circumstances in which the State laws, framed without reference to the present state of affairs, would fail to secure justice to the Freedmen, and here the Supt, by the Military authority of the Bureau, can act under Gen'l Howards Circular No 5 Dec 7th, 1865, being guided by the laws of the State in analagous cases. It is presumed however that action under this head will very rarely be necessary.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt
(Sgd) D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl.

Official Copy,
D. H. Williams,
Asst Adjt Genl.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Office Gen. Supt. Fr. Schools
Little Rock. Ark
May 18th 66

Colby Wm. M. Gen Supt
Freedmens Schools

Replys to Capt Abels
letter of April 17. 1866.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. May 18" 1866.

Capt. Thos. J. Abel.
Supt of Ref.ee Freedmen,
Ft. Smith. Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of April 17", and to say in reply that the teachers mentioned in my former Com. reported here but were too feeble to go as far as Ft. Smith and have returned to Indiana. It is now very doubtful if teachers can be secured for that point before Autumn. Although I hope to secure more laborers then these is some uncertainty about it unless the Friends will undertake to Supply the field which I hope they may be induced to do, for they are our best workers. The School Reports for April show a very favorable State of things. (over)

No School has been forcibly interrupted in its operations to my knowledge during the year and not one has required a guard to protect it. Thirty (30) teachers report an Enrollment of Sixteen hundred (1600) for April, against Twenty-five teachers and thirteen hundred (1300) ~~children~~ pupils for March. We have in this city Five Hundred children enrolled, and the teachers meet weekly for improvement.

Mr. & Mrs. Moore have returned to the north and Miss J. P. Moore is now in charge of the Asylum. I will with pleasure present to the latter your regards.

I Am Captain, with respect,

Yours truly,

Wm M. Colby

Genl Supt Fr. Schs for A.V.C.

Little Rock Ark.
May 24. 1866

Circular Letter.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. May 24th 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that partial Descriptive Lists of deceased Soldiers who belonged to Regiments mustered out in Arkansas, giving a statement of their accounts with Government, except clothing account, will be furnished to the officers of the Bureau on application to this office — Applications should be made only when the heirs, do not know what is due on account of the deceased soldier, or other necessity, then the necessity should be reported in the application.

I am Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
John Tyler
Capt 2d U.S.C.C.
In charge Office

Capt Thos J Adams
Supt R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith Ark

Office Supt B. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith May 23 1866
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Lewis Moore Applies for Information as to whether there is any provisions made for persons of Color living in the Seminole or Creek nations and were compelled to abandon Real Estate.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Sub. Ark. and Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark
May 29th 1866

Respectfully returned.
There is no special provision made for persons of this class.

By Order of
Brvt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

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Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., May 23" 1866.

Sir.

Lewis Moore, a leading Freedman, of this place applied to this office, for information as to whether there is any remuneration made by Govt, to people of Color, who were free at the Commencement of the War, who lived in the Seminole & Creek Nation, and were Compelled to abandon real Estate, & personal property, by reason of existing hostilities. I respectfully ask for the Asst. Com's advice in the matter in order to enable me to give the desired information to the applicant and others.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Heisseiler
Lieut 5 U.S.C.C. Supt R.F. & A.L.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark May 23/1[illegible]
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Capt R. H. Barnum)

Asst assistance from
the Bureau for this
Iowa Corner.

C to Ors. 6 Post Ft Smith
Fort Smith Ark. 28th May 66

Lt Greinitter
Asst Comr. Bur. R.F.+A.L

Lt. The bearer of this Jane Somers had her house and all her effects burned night before last by the 3d Cavalry. If you can do any thing as asst Comr to assist her I wish you would do so.

I enclose a ration return for her benefit. approved en blank. which you can use if you have the right to do so, she will state the fact to you. number of her family &c. &c.

Very Respy
Your Ob Svt
R. M. Barnum
Capt 19 U.S. Inf Brvt Lt Col U.S.A
Comdg Post

Do all you can for this applicant

Van Buren Ark
May 31st 1866

Lacy & Co.

Commissioners Land Securities
Letter of the 22. of May
1866.

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 22nd

Van Buren Ark's
May 31st 1866.

Sir.

Your favor of 22 returning my Report of last time of employees for the month of April is before me- In reply I have to say. During the time Capt Hale was at the head of the Bureau in Ft Smith, he gave me a form of Certificate to be appended to my Report and stated that that was all required- Now day an affidavit must be made- I desire to know if this is required pursuant to an act of Congress or is it only a regulation of the Bureau at Ft Smith- I find no such requirement in the law- By the Certificate I certify that the report has been submitted to the Employees and certainly I cannot make

the report more binding on
or the Jurdmen by giving
opinion of law affidavit
If I would be guilty of
a false Certificate, would
deliver my affidavit?
I always keep a duplicate
my report examined

Submitting that
requirement of said affidavit
twice times per year is rather
pudding matters on me. Await
your further answer

And remain
Yours Le
A. H. Lacy

Claim Division
Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. Ark.
May 31st 1866

Tyler Capt. John 2nd U. R. C.

Transmits five Copies
Blank. forms.
Power of Attorney

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. 21st May 1866.

Sir.

I transmit by mail this day to your address five (5) Copies Blank Form "Power of Attorney" which are to be used in Claims of any description where the Power of atty. is not given in the "Declaration" or "Application." as for example "Pachus application for arrears of Pay and Bounty"

Please forward receipt for these and all Blanks that have been received and likewise henceforth as soon as you receive them.

I am very respectfully
Your obt servant
John Eaton
Capt & A.A.G.
Chief of Bureau

Capt Abel
Supt Ind. Ter. Fort Smith
Arkansas

Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Little Rock Ark June 6/66

Taylor Geo. E. Chief Clerk

Asks to have the words
"at Fayetteville Ark" inserted
in S.O. No. 51 par 8
restoring the "Marshall House"
to J. Stiemans.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. June 5th 1866.

Lt S. Geisreiter
Supt &c
Ft Smith Ark.

In the copy of S.O. 57. Par 3 restoring the "Marshal House" Fayetteville Ark. to J. Sturman, furnished you, I find the words "at Fayetteville Ark" have been omitted. Will you insert them in your copy, & oblige.

Truly Yours
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
Little Rock Ark
June 2nd 1866

Gen

Sprague Bvt Maj Gen J. D. C.

Authorizes Capt Ames to issue
from Govt Subsistence stores
to Cases of extreme suffering
from want of food and
give notice of sending an
Officer with Supplies to Ark
Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. June 7, 1866

Capt Thos J Abell
Supt R C
Fort Smith Ark

Captain

It is reported that there are some cases of extreme suffering for want of food in some of the Western Counties of the State. When you have reliable information that such cases exist you are authorized to afford temporary relief by issuing from Govt. Subsistence stores at Fort Smith.

Supplies for this purpose will be sent to Capt. in charge of this Bureau for distribution to the destitute [illegible] of that vicinity

Respy
D. D. Sprague
Bvt Maj. & A.A.G.

Claim Division
Bureau R F & A Le.
Little Rock Ark
June 9 1866

Tyler Capt John 2 VR C.

Circular Letter

Informs Capt Abel that no revenue Stamps are required on papers pertaining to Claims for Colo Soldiers for arrears of Pay or Bounty

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. June 9th 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that no revenue Stamps are required upon any papers whatever used in the work of collecting claims and to furnish you with the following extract of Section 160 of the act of June 30th 1864 amended March 3d 1865

"That no stamp duty shall be required on powers of Attorney, or any other paper relating to applications for bounties, arrearages of pay or pensions or to the receipt therefor from time to time."

I am Very Respy

Your Obdt Servt

John Eyler

Capt 2d U.S.C.C.

In charge of Officer

Capt & Lt J. Abel

Fort Smith

Arkansas

Fort-Smith Ark.
June 16" 1866

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Rowland Dr Jos S C.

Forwards Report of Sick & Wounded Ref'd. Freedmen and respectfully Calls attention to the Remarks

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Bureau R F & A Le
Fr Smith Ark.
June 16" 1866

Respectfully Forwarded to
Bvt Maj Gen. J W Sprague
Asst Comr B R F & A Le.
Mo. Ark. & Ind Terry
Little Rock. Ark.

S Ginsreiter
Lt Supt B R F & A Le.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark June 22/66

Respectfully returned with the remark that as the same report is forwarded direct by Dr Rowland to Dr St M. Gilly Surg in Chief at these Hd Qrs. Duplicate may be retained by this Supt

and need not be forwarded
By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J W Sprague
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

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Fort Smith Ark
June 16th 1866

Lieut. S. Steinitz
Supt Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Sir

Enclosed please find my "Weekly Report" of Sick and Wounded Refugees and Freedmen for the week ending June 16. 1866.

I would most respectfully call your attention to the "Remarks"

I am Your Obedient Servant
Jos. J. C. Rowland
A A Surgeon U S A

NARA 492

Fort Smith Ark
June 18th 1866

Lieut. S. S. Supt Bd.

Requests B. K. Bethel
to make Application
for the restoration of
Abd. Property for which he
is the lawful Agent.

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., June 18th 1866.

Mr Frank Bethel

Sir: You are hereby notified to appear at this office at your earliest convenience & give necessary information to the Supt relative to the property known as Lot 1, 2, Block 46 Cor of Sycamore & Franklin st now occupied by Dr. Chapman. The property is on the book of this office as abandoned & rents will be collected on the same for the whole time the property is not restored on proper application

Respectfully
S. Geisreiter
Lt. Supt. R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt B. & C. Sch
Fort Smith Ark.
June 19th 66

Geisreiter I. D. Supt &c

Wolfies Frank Lethel Esq.
to appear at this office for information
subject of A.L.

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., June 18th 1866.

Frank Bethel Esq.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir: You are hereby notified to appear at this office at your earliest convenience & give necessary information to the Supt relative to the property known as Lot 1, 2, Block 46 Cor. of Sycamore & Franklin St. now occupied by Dr Chapman The same is on the books of this office as abandoned & rent will be collected on the same for the whole time the property is not restored on proper application.

Respectfully
S. Lesueur
Ass Supt R. F. & A.L.

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Office Superintendent
R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.,
June 23rd 1866.

Gaireister, D.
Dept Ku. &c.
Relating to
~~Jefferson, Lewis~~
Lewis Jefferson
Jonas Coe
Irving Morgan
Pvts Private
113th U. S. C. T

E 1870 Ark 14 Cav 1866

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Claim Division
Little Rock Ark 2d July 1866.

Respectfully returned.
Under existing laws the persons mentioned within would not be entitled to any bounty except they were at the time of their enlistment actually enrolled and subject to draft in the State where they enlisted, and as the most ignorant in the country were generally well informed of the fact when they were enrolled and subject to draft etc. it is inferred that when a claimant does not know and cannot swear to that fact, that he was not actually enrolled etc. and it seems just to infer that they are not entitled to any bounty.

John Eyler
Bvt Major and A.C.
In charge of Office

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., June 29th 1866.

Capt John Tyler 2nd V. E. C.
Claim Division B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark

Sir: I have the honor to state that Privates Lewis Jefferson enlisted in Co F 113th Colrd Inf. Oct 13th 1863 — Jonas Cox in Co A 113th Colrd Inf March 16th/64 — & Irving Morgan Co D 113th Colrd Inf. June 12th/64, they were discharged April 9th 1866 & claim that they have not received any bounty, state that they were slaves and do not know whetha they were enrolled and subject to draft prior to enlistment or not. I would respectfully ask for information whether negroes were ever enrolled & subject to draft in this state & if so for opinion as to whether the above named soldiers are entitled to bounty or not

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
A. Supt B. R. F. & A. L.

Bureau R F & A L"
Little Rock July 3rd 1866

S. O. No. "5-7"

"Restoring property of
Rufus Barling &c.
to
T. B Kennedy
Admr... Lots No 11. & 12
Block "19" City of
Fort Smith.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 3rd 1866.

Special Orders
No. 57.

It appearing by papers on file in this office that Lots 11 & 12 Block 19 in Ft Smith Ark, with the buildings thereon, registered in the name of R. Barling, were not abandoned by the legal owner as defined in Sect 2. of the Act of Congress approved July 2nd 1864, the control of the same is hereby relinquished to J.A. Kennady as Admr of Rebecca Barling dec'd; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

Capt Th. J. Abel,
Supt Ft Smith,
Arkansas,

D. W. Shaeffer
Bvt Major General,
Asst Commissioner

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Fort Smith Ark
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Geisecker. Lt S.
Supt + Pro Mar.

States that Peter Spencer (col'd), steck hand on American was struck in the face by Jerry Hatkins Mate of the boat. Spencer made complaint, referred to Col Scales. Pros Atty. Hatkins was tried and convicted by Justice Edmondson for "Assault + Battery" fined $20 and costs. Spencer now claims damages for time lost, doctors bill &c but is not able to commence suit in Civil Courts not being able to give required security. Requests instructions to govern this and similar cases

Bureau R. F + A.L.
Mo. Ark and Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark July 10/66

Respectfully returned
Cannot the Supt obtain
the security required for
the man, or become such
security himself? the
sick cannot be heavy—

By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J. W Sprague
D C Wallace
Asst Adjt Genl

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Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., July 3rd 1866.

Sir

I have the honor to state that Peter Spencer (Freedman) was employed as a deck hand, on the Str. "American", & while coming to Fort Smith, the mate of the boat Jerry Watkins, struck him in the face. Peter Spencer has since been unable to work, from the effects of the blow, & has suffered much in consequence. After the boat arrived at Fort Smith, he made complaint to this Office, & was referred by the Supt to Col E. J. Leake the Prosecuting Atty of this County, who caused a warrant to be issued, by Justice Edmondson against Jerry Watkins, for Assault & Battery. The case was tried by a jury of twelve men, citizens of this place, and a verdict rendered of Guilty. finding the accused thirty dollars. & Costs. Peter Spencer now claims damages for time lost, Doctors bill &c., but is not able to commence a suit in a civil Court, because, he cannot give the required security. Thus the poor man is debarred from Justice. I consider from what I know of the case that he is justly entitled to

over

wages from the time he left Little Rock, up to date, & also to damages, for the injury sustained, but under existing instructions, do not consider myself authorized to prosecute the case.

I would Respectfully ask the opinion of the Asst. Com'r., in this & analagous Cases. The man is here & the case can be prosecuted at any time

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
S. Geisreiter
Sel Supt B R F & A Le.

Bureau R. F. & A. Le.
Little Rock Ark. July 3rd 1866

S. O. No "3."

Restoring property of
O. C. Ward of Fort Smith
Ark. Lots No 9. 10. 11. &
12. Block "22" situated
in City of Fort Smith.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 9th 1866.

Special Order
No. 57.

Lt. O. C. Hord of Sebastian Co, Ark,
having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lots No 9.10.11.012 Block 22, in Ft. Smith, Ark, with the buildings thereon, registered in the name of O. C. Hood, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to the said O. C. Hord; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date

D. W. Sprague
Bvt Major General,
Asst Commissioner,

Capt Ch. J. Abell
Supt Ft Smith
Arkansas

Bureau R F & A L.
Little Rock. July 3rd 1866

John Tyler Capt A. R. C.

Forwards Circular
Letter relative to Fathers'
& Mothers applications
for Arrears of Pay & Bounty

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. 3rd July 1866.

Circular Letter

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury has decided, that in all cases where fathers who have been slaves make claim for arrears of pay and bounty on account of their deceased sons, evidence is required showing whether the father and mother were slaves of the same master and lived upon the same plantation, If they lived upon different plantations and were slaves of different masters, a claim in favor of the father will in no case be allowed and should be made out in favor of the mother. If they lived upon the same plantation and were slaves of the same master the father claim will be allowed This decision is understood to be based on the fact that when husband and wife lived upon separate plantations and were slaves of separate masters, the children went with the mother, who had the entire care and support of them and the father cannot be regarded as having borne any of the responsibilities or having assumed any

of the duties of a pasture

Please notify such officers as forward claims

to this office of the foregoing ruling

Very Respy

Your Obdt Servt

John Tyler

Capt 2nd DRCs - Bot Mtg Vols

In charge of office

Maj T J Abel

Fort Smith

Ark

Barrow R. R. & R. L.

Little Rock July 3rd/66

S. O. No 57"

Restoring property of
Rebecca Dodson to J.
R. Kennedy Admr.
Lots No 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12
Block "26" City of
Fort Smith Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 3rd 1866.

Special Orders
No 57

5 It appearing by papers on file in this office that Lots No 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 Block No 25 in Fort Smith Ark. registered in the name of J. R. McKenzie. were not abandoned by the legal owner as defined in Section 2 of the Act of Congress approved July 2nd 1864. the control of the same is hereby relinquished to J. R. Kennady, as Administrator of Rebecca Gookin dec'd. nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

By Special

Capt T. J. Abel Supt &c
Fort Smith Ark

Bt Maj Genl
Asst Commr.

Hdqrs 2nd Div. R. F. E. & L.
Little Rock, July 3rd 1865

S. O. No "3-½"

Restoring Lot No. 5 Block "8" in the City of Fort-Smith, registered in the name of Myers & Boo. to Mrs Ellen J. Wharton

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 3rd 1866.

Special Orders
No. 57

It appearing by papers on file in this office that Lot 9, Block 8, in Ft Smith Ark, with the buildings thereon, registered in the name of "Myers & Bro" was not abandoned by the legal owner as defined in Sect 2. of the Act of Congress approved July 2, 1864, the control of the said lot, now in the possession of this Bureau is hereby relinquished to Mrs Ellen J. Wharton; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

Capt Th. J. Abel,
Supt Ft Smith
Arkansas.

D. W. Sprague
Brig Major General,
Asst Commissioner,

Bureau Ro. Ev & L. Co.
Little Rock. July 3rd 1866.

S. C. No 57

Restoring property of Mrs
Mary Vernon Lots No
940 Block "15"
in the City of Fort Smith

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark. July 3rd 1866.

Special Orders
No. 57.

3. - Mrs Mary Vernon of Sebastian County, Ark., having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lots No. 9 & 10, Block 15, in Ft Smith, Ark., with the buildings thereon, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Mrs. Mary Vernon; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date. ———

By Command of
Brig Major General,
Asst Commissioner.

Capt W. J. Abel.
Supt Ft Smith,
Arkansas.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock July 3rd 1866

S. O. No "57"

Restoring property of
Nicholas Sharing &c.

Lots No 9. 10. 11. & 12. Block "28" Lots No 1. 2. 5. 6. 7. 8. & 9 Block "P" & Lots No 3. 4. 9. & 10 Block 10. all in Fort Smith Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

~~OFFICE OF SURGEON IN CHIEF~~

Little Rock, Ark, July 3rd 1866.

Special Orders
No 57

7. Nicholas Spring of Sebastian Co. Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States. the contra, of Lots Nos 9. 10. 11 and 12 Block 28. registered in the name of Thomas McCarren; of Lots Nos 1. 2. 5. 6. 7. 8 & 9 Block "2." registered as "Unknown", and of Lots Nos 3. 4. 9 & 10 Blk 10. registered in name of Dr Nathan Spring, all in Fort Smith, Ark, now in possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Nicholas Spring; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

By Command of
J. W. Sprague
Bt Maj Genl
Asst Commr

To
Capt T. J. Abel
Supt & Pro Mar. Fort Smith Ark

Bureau R F & A. L.
July 6 1866
Little Rock Ark

S. O. No. 3-7

Relieving Capt. Abel. from duty at Fort-
Smith Ark. as Supt-
B. R. F. & A. L. and as-
signing him to duty as Supt
& Disb. Mar, Ist Lake
Village Chicot Co Ark.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abd Lands
For Mo Ark. & Ind Terry
Little Rock Ark July 6th 1866

Special Orders
No. 57

2. Capt Thos J. Abel 56th U.S.C.I. is hereby relieved from duty at Fort-Smith Ark. as Supt & Pro. Mar Bureau R. F. & A.L. and is assigned as Supt & Pro. Mar. in & for Chicot Co. Ark.

Capt Abel will proceed without delay to Lake Village, Chicot Co. & relieve Thomas Hunnicut. the present Superintendent, & establish his office there or at such other point in said County as shall appear more suitable, reporting direct to this place.

By Order of.
Bvt Major General J. W. Sprague
Asst Comr
(Sgd) D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt-Genl

I certify that the above is a true copy of the original copy

Lt Supt B R F & A Ls.

Bureau R F & A. L.
Little Rock July 8th 1866

Sprague J. W. Bvt Maj Gen.
Asst Comr. &c.

The Asst Comr. directs the attention of the Supt to the fact that the Monthly Report of Refugees & Freedmen has not yet been received desires to have the Report forwarded at the earliest possible moment

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 8th 1866,

Lieut S. Geisreiter
Supt and Bro Mas
Fort Smith Ark
Lieut

The Asst Commr directs me to call your attention to the fact, that your ~~Future~~ Monthly Report of rations issued to Refugees and Freedmen, has not yet been received at this office, and in consequence, our report to Genl Howard are delayed.

He desires you to forward this Report at the earliest practicable moment

By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk

Bureau of Free
Dolls Rock. July 11. 1866

S. O. No 60.

Restoring Lots No. 1 2 &
3 Block B. & buildings
thereon to Michael
Myers of Fort Smith
Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th 1866

Special Orders
No. 60.

D.r Michael Mayers of Sebastian Co. Ark.

having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lots No 1. 2. 3 in Block "B", with the buildings thereon, in Ft Smith, Ark, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to said Michael Mayers; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date. ———

J. W. Sprague
Bvt Major General,
Asst. Commissioner.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. July 11th 1866

S. O. No. 60

Restoring property of Mr
Oliver Weldon. Lots. No
10. B. 31. registered in
the name of Lewis Everhard
all in Fort Smith Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th 1866

Special Orders
No. 60.

Mr. Oliver Weldon of Sebastian Co. Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of Lot No. 10. Block 31, in the city of Fort Smith, Ark. registered in the name of Lewis Everhardt, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Oliver Weldon; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

D. N. Sprague
Bvt Major General,
Asst Commissioner,

Lt. S. Steinriker
Supt Ex. for Ark. Freedmen
Fort Smith, Ark.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock July 11 1866

S. O. No. 60.

Restoring Lots Nos. "1" & "2"
Block "46" in Fort Smith
Ark. registered in the name
James Fitzwilliams.
to Mrs Isabella Garver

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th 1866

Special Orders
No. 60.

6.— It appearing by papers on file in this office, that Lots No. 1 & 2. Block 46. in Ft Smith Ark, registered in the name of James Fitzwilliams, were not abandoned by the owner, as defined in Sec 2. of the Act of Congress approved July 2. 1864, the control of the said Lots, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Mrs Isabella Garvey; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date. ———

By Command of
Brig Major General,
Asst Commissioner.

Lt S. Geisreiter,
Supt & Post Mag.
Ft Smith Ark.

Bureau R. F. & A. Ls.
Little Rock July 11th 1866

L. O. No. 60

Restoring Lots No 7 & 8
Block "D." Reynolds Area as
Un known Owner. to
John F Wheeler of
Fort Smith Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th 1866.

Special Orders
No. 60.

I. Jno F. Wheeler of Sebastian Co Ark,
having been pardoned by the President of the United States,
the control of Lots No. 7 & 8. Block "K," registered as "Buckmans
Corner," in Ft Smith Ark, with the buildings thereon, now in
the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to said John
F Wheeler, as Adm'r of Jas. P. Spring, dec'd; nothing in
the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any
claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which
have accrued prior to this date.

Lt S. Geisreiter
Supt & Post Mag
Ft Smith Ark

D. H. Vaughn
Bvt Major General,
Asst Commissioner

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. July 11th 1866

S. O. No. 60

Restoring part of Section
17. T. 8. N. R. 32 W.
Containing one quarter Section
to John Breen of
Fort Smith Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

Office of Assistant Commissioner.

Little Rock, Ark., July 11th 1866.

Special Orders
No. 60.

1.- *John Breen* of Sebastian Co. Ark having been pardoned by the President of the United States, the control of that part of Sec. 17. T. 8. N. R. 32. W. containing one quarter acre, with the buildings thereon, in Ft Smith, Ark, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to said *John Breen*; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to this date.

D. W. Shaaff
Bvt Major General,
Asst Commissioner &c

Lt. S. Giseritor
Supt & Ord. Mas.
Ft Smith Ark.

Collins & Lanigan
Fort Smith July 12/60

Acknowledges Receipt
of Com. of 5th Inst.
in relation to retaining
Wages of Sandy Harlan
and will obtain the
same agreeable to
instructions from
Office Supt. S. A. Fs
&c &c &c.

Collins & Lanigan,

Jobbers in Dry Goods, Groceries, and General Merchandize.

Fort Smith, Ark., July 12 1866

Sir

We are this morning in receipt of your communication of the 9th inst in relation to a certain Negro Man at present in our employ herding Cattle and will agreeably to your instruction retain the wages due him and hold the same subject to your order.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servts
Collins & Lanigan

Lieut S Stigwalt
Supt B R A & A

Bureau R F & A L.
Little Rock July 18th 1866

S. O. No 61

Restoring Lots No. 3 & 4
Block "5" with the Buildings thereon
to Michael Myers & Mrs
Elizabeth Pope of Fort
Smith Ark.

Bureau Refugees. Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For Missouri. Arkansas & Indian Territory
Little Rock Ark. July 18th 1866.

Special Orders
No 61

2. John Enrich & Henry Pape, of Sebastian Co Ark. having been pardoned by the President of the United States, prior to their decease, the control of Lots Nos 3 & 4 in Block No 6. with the buildings thereon, in Fort Smith. Ark. registered in the name of "John Kling", now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to Michael Baer, Admr, of said John Enrich, dec'd, and Elizabeth Pape, Admx of said Henry Pape dec'd; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau for rents or damages which have accrued prior to the date of restoration.

By Command of
Bvt Maj Genl
Asst Commr.

Lt S. Geisreiter
Supt & Pro Mar Freedmen
Fort Smith Ark.

Post-Ka Qs. Ft-Smith Ark
16 July 1868

Barnard R W. Bt Lt Col

Refers the applicant to Lt
Genl Carter from his own
Observation & her statement
thinks her entitled to
rations will confer a
favor by issueing to her

Hd Qrs. Post Ft Smith
Ft. Smith Ark 16 July 64

Lieut Geisaiter
Asst Comr &c

Lt. I refer this
applicant to you. From my own observation
& her statement. I think her entitled to
some assistance.

If you can assist her. you will
do a favor
to your Ob Servt
H. W. Bennett
Capt 19th Ast Ad Gen Dept
Comd Post

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock. July 25th/66
Claim Division

Tyler Capt. John.

Forwarded (20) twenty blank forms "5" Pay Dept for the use of Officers forwarding Claims of Colored Soldiers. These blanks to be used in Cases where enlisted men apply for arrears of pay & bounty on their own account

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. July 25th 1866.

Lieut. S. Giesriter

Supt. Fort Smith Ark.

Lieut

I have the

the honor to inform you that I have

this day mailed twenty (20) Blank

Forms of Pay Dept, for the use of

your office and the Officers under

your orders who prepare and forward

claims of Colored Soldiers. These Blanks

are to be used in cases where enlisted

men apply for arrears of pay on their

own account.

Please acknowledge receipt.

I am very respectfully

Your Obt Servt.

John Eaton

Capt. & A.C. Bvt Maj"

Superv Claim Div

Fort Smith Ark
Aug. 3d 66

Drake C. S. G. In Dist.

States that cattle bought by Dean
Hardridge & Co were property
captured from the enemy

Fort Smith Ark
Aug 8th 1866

S Geisreiter
Lieut Supt etc

Sir

The bearer
bought a Sale of Cattle of Capt Peck, about
the first of March 1865-

The Cattle were purchased
by the government from those who captured
them from the enemy- as per order of Genl
Thayer comdg the Dist at that time-

Many of
the Cattle became unfit for Beef while they
were kept in the Slaughter pens- and were turned
out- or sold- and the money as received was
deducted from the pay of those selling the
Cattle- As they were in no instance during
Capt Pecks Administration paid for before the
drove was disposed of Yours Truly,

P S
The Cattle were considered to have
been captured from the Enemy by our troops

Bureau R. I. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark Aug 4/66

Skinner Capt & A. Q. M.

Informs Lt S. Geisreiter Supt
at Fort Smith Ark that he
has forwarded by mail certain
Blanks. States that all Vouchers will
hereafter be paid by himself. &c &c

Read at Fort Smith Ark Aug 11th 66

L. R. 177 Page 118 1866

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Little Rock August 1866.

Lieut S. Geissreiter
Supt R.C.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that I have forwarded to you. by this mail a supply of blank forms Nos. 2. 10 & 22. You will not require any Abst Rs. No 131 as all disbursements. in the future. will be made in this Office in accordance with Circular No 9. of Maj Genl Howard's

Vouchers. will be made monthly for Clerk hire and Office Rent. and sent here for payment. The receipt to be left blank, except amt in the vouchers.

I am Lieut

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
A. Skinner
Capt & A.A.G.

Little Rock Ark.
August 6th 1866

Relative for Bounties for
colored soldiers.

Tyler, John
Captain V. R. C. Vt

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Little Rock Ark.
August 6th 1866.
Tyler, John
Capt. V. R. C. Vt

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark. August 6th 1866.

Lieut. S. Genviter V.R.C.
Supt. Bureau. R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt this day of your communication of the 30th ult, asking for "Copy of Act of Congress approved June 5th, or 15th, allowing Colored Soldiers the same bounties as White Troops". I know of no Act of Congress as described, but infer that you refer to a Joint Resolution Approved June 15th 1866, relative to Colored Soldiers, a copy of which is herewith furnished. This copy is made from a copy which I received unofficially, but consider it correct.

You will no doubt observe that

that by the 1st Sec of this Joint Resolution, no bounties are given the colored troops beyond what are provided by previous acts and mentioned in the Memorandum Circular of May 6th 1866, from this office. The 1st Section means that if a soldier was free April 19th 1861, and produces satisfactory evidence of that fact, the omission on the Muster out Rolls of the remark that "he was free April 19th 1861," will not prevent his getting the bounty to which he is entitled.

I am very respectfully
Your Obedt servant.
John Tyler.
Capt. U.S.C. Bot Mag"
In charge Claim Div.

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Little Rock Ark.
Aug. 21. 1866.

Hon. Genl. Supt.
Dist. Ky.
Dist. Virg. & N.C.

Gentlemen requisition
for Stationery & requests
Items to be signed and
returned at the earliest
convenience

Recd at Dist Supts Clerk.
Aug 24th. 1866.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 21. 1866

Lieut. S. Heinrichs
Supt. Ref & Frd
Fort Smith Ark

Sir.

I have the honor to inclose herewith duplicate requisitions of Stationery. turned over to Col A F Rabb A.Q.M. for transportation to you

Please sign Certificates and receipts and return at your earliest convenience

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servant
John Tyler
Capt 2d U.S. Colrs
Brvt Maj U.S.A.

Little Rock, Ark.

From
Lieut. S Kleinsmiler
Sept. 8th 1866.

Relating to Case of
Johnson Boyd, Col'd

Little Rock Ark
Sept 8th 1864

Capt. Chas Banzhaf A. A. G.
Supt. C. R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 31st inquiring as to the disposition I have made of the case of Johnson Boyd's mare is at hand and contents noted. In answer I will state that I have done nothing in the matter from the fact that I came to the conclusion that the mare reported on the books of the Post Q.M. as a deserter and not being positive as to whether I owned it or not and have him courtmartialed, so have him say, so doing about it I call it guilt. I necessarily delayed action in the case pending seeing Maj. Eyler on the subject but he is not in the city & thus the case remains just as it was

I am Captain

Very Respectfully
Your Obd. Serv.
A. Gibson
Lt. 5th U.S. C. Cav.

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Fort Smith Ark
Sept 8th 1866.

Bvt Maj Capt Chas.
Capt & Pro Mar.

Forwards for approval Requisitions for office furniture. for use in this office at Fort Smith.

One Enc.

Ark 5 H

B 29
Dec 3/66

Ex 49/66 F. & A.L.
Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Mo. Ark and Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark. Sept 17/66

Respectfully forwarded, approved.
By Order
Bvt Maj Genl J. M. Sprague
D. H. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl.

In Genl Sprague's absence.
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Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Dec 12th, 1866.

Respectfully returned.

Attention is invited to Par. 2, of Circular No 1, Nov 28/66, from this office, copy enclosed.

The written requisitions should be referred to Col. Page, Chf Qr Master for remarks, as indicated by said Circular

Enc

Thos M Vincent
Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief Q. M.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Office Supt. R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Septbr 8th 1866.

J. W. Sprague
Brt. Major Genl.
Asst. Commissioner. Little Rock. Ark.

Genl.

I have the honor, to submit to you, for approval Special Requisition for Furniture, for the Office of Supt. R. F. and A. L. Fort Smith Ark.

I have the honor, to remain
very respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Banzhaf Capt.
and Supt. R. F. & A. L

Fort Smith, Ark.

C Sep. 10th 1866.
Oct 5th

Banzhaf. Chas.

Captain &c

Colonization of colored people.

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock Ark Oct 5/66.

Respectfully returned with the information that no provision is made by Govt except in providing for entering Homesteads:
By Order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Comm
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Enc 3 Pp.

DIV. MO. ARK. MISS.
SEP 20 1866

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Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., September 10th 1866.

To

Brvt: Major Genl: J. W. Sprague
A. Commissioner B. of R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock. Ark.

General:

I have the honor, to most respectfully report to you, that the colored population, of this, and the joining Counties held a Camp Meeting, at this Place, during the past Week, which was largly attended. They furnished me with a list of about 500 Names, Men, Women, and Children, who have come to the Conclusion, to settle, if possible together on Govert. Land, but should prefer, to colonise in some Territory. They furthermore ask, if they could be assisted by the Government, in procuring Rations, and some agricultural Implements, for one, or two years, at which

time, they think, to be able, to repay the Government, they also expect that perhaps 150 more Men, will be added, to their list.

I have the honor, to be
very respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Bangham Capt.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

Special Orders
No. 76.

For restoration
of Lot No. 6. Block 8, Van Buren,
Ark., to R. P. Perkins.

Little Rock Ark
Sept 10, 1866.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark., Sept 10th 1866

Special Orders
No. 76.

1.- It appearing by papers on file in this office that Lot No. 6. Block 8, with the buildings thereon, in Van Buren Ark, registered in the name of "P. or R. Perkins," was not abandoned by the owners as defined in Sec 2nd of the Act of Congress approved July 2. 1864, the control of the said lot, now in the possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished to R.P. Perkins; nothing in the order of restoration is to be construed as giving any claim against this Bureau, for rents or damages which have accrued prior to the date of restoration.

By order of
Bvt Maj. Genl J. W. Sprague, Asst. Com'r,

D. W. Williams
Asst Adjt Genl.

Capt Chas Banghaf.
Supt & Pro Mar Freedmen
Fort Smith, Ark.

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Report of
Persons & Articles
for the Month of August
Returned for Correction
Recd. Sept 14, 1866.

From
Bvt. Lt. Col. A. Steiner
A.Q.M.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 10 1866

Capt Chas Banyhof
Supt R & FL.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith for correction your (No. 2.) Report of Persons & Articles hired for August.

In the Column under the head of "By whom owned" the name of the Person owning the office building should be given.

In your official signature. your Regiment should be given. and on. No 2. should be signed at the right end of the sheet to give room for the Asst Commissioner's approval. on the left.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
A Skinner
Bvt Lt Col & AQM

De Valls, Bluff. Ark

September 14th 1866.

Coates. James

Offers his services as

a Scout.

De Valls Bluff Ark
September 11th 1866

Capt Sanger
Dept R F & A Com Gen Missouri
Fort Smith Ark

Captain

I have the honor to apply for a situation as Clerk in your Office

I have served over three years in the 3d Illinois Cavalry and have been two years in the R. F. & Subsist Department as Clerk and Agent at a salary from $100.00 to $150.00 per month. I am now in charge of the R. F. & Dept at this Post as Agent which is to be immediately taken up

I am familiar with papers and accounts I was Agent for Refugees &c at Little Rock in the years of 63 & 64 but am

not familiar with the details of the present system of the Bureau of R F & A L

My age is 24 years My habits are such that if you should honor my request I can promise my undivided attention to your business and interests

I enclose copies of references with which I have in my possession with others

If you should require my services please state rate of pay and time for me to answer

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
James Coates

U.S. Str. Lr. Master
Wells Bluff Ark
Aug. 1st 1866.

In leaving the 2d A.K. Dept as a
slight token of my esteem for Mr
James Coates in leaving me faithfully
to the end I heartily recommend him
as being a first class clerk capable
of doing any business that he may
accept putting forth all his energ
ies for the interest of of his employer
A man of sober habits exerting
intelligence a fine penman and very
correct and always to be relied on in
any emergency

Respectfully
Signed R. D. Walcott
Capt and A.Q.M.

A true copy
Jas. Coates

Little Rock Ark
May 26th 1865

To All whom it may Concern

This is to certify that James Coates has been in my employ as Clerk in Office for the past seven months

I can recommend him to any Officer of this A.A.C. Dept. as a good Property Clerk

I would Recommend him as an honest competent and efficient man for any business which he undertake

Respectfully

Signed D.H.C. Wendell
Capt and A.A.C.

A true copy

Jas Coates

Fort Scott Kansas
Sept 19th 1866

Bowden. W. J.
Commissioner at Law.

States that Delilah and
Hen[illegible] Allen children of
Thomas Wadell are still
held by John Lairs their
former owner, the Father
desires to know what course
to take to get them out of
Lairs possession.

L. C. B. # 3. 2nd C. 2 B. R. A. L.

R.F.&A.L. M[illegible]
OCT 5 1866
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

HEAD QUARTERS, BUREAU OF

Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the States of Missouri ~~and~~ Arkansas. 2nd Dist.

Little Rock ~~St. Louis, Mo.~~ Ark. Oct 15th 1866

Respectfully referred to
Capt Chas Bangham.
for such action as may
be practicable.

By Order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Com
Geo E. Dayton.
Chief Clerk.

C. 317. 318.

Fort Scott. Kansas.
September 19th 1866

Brig. Gen. J. W. Sprague
Asst. Com. Freed. Bureau
For the State of Arkansas.

General.

I have a matter which I presume will necessarily come before the Freedmen's Bureau of Arkansas, and desire some instructions in relation to the manner of proceeding.

A colored man, of this city, Thomas Wadell - has two children - Delilah Elmanzy and Henry Allen - who before the Emancipation were slaves, owned by one John Lair.

Said Lair still holds them, and as Wadell alleges, refuses to give them up. He at present has them in Carroll County Arkansas, of which Carrollton is the County seat.

Wadell wishes to bring an action to recover his children. Will you inform me what course to pursue.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servt.
W. F. Bowden

C—

Washington Septbr 19. 66.

Jno Tyler
A.A.A.G.

War Department
Bureau Refugees, Freedmen &c
Washington Sept. 19th 1865

Confidential

Bt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague,
Asst Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark,

General,

By direction of the Commissioner I enclose herewith for your guidance, instructions which Genl Howard wishes you to follow in the conduct of cases which may come within the jurisdiction of the Bureau. Where Bureau Courts have been abolished they will not of course apply, but will be for your guidance at points where they may still exist, or in case it shall become necessary to reestablish them.

The Commissioner desires that you will not allow these instructions to be published as they are for your own guidance, and that of officers in the administration of Justice, within your Department.

Send each officer and Agent a copy privately.

I am, General,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servt,
(Sgd) A. P. Ketchum,
Bt Maj & A.A.A.Gen.

Official Copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of Capt Charles Bayley, Supt. Fort Smith, Ark, These Courts will be convened when the necessity therefor arises.

By command of
Bt Maj Genl E O C Ord, Asst Comr,

John Taylor
Capt V R C Bt Maj Vols
A.A.A.Genl

War Department.
Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands.
Washington D.C. September 9th 1865.

General.

In the organization and conduct of Bureau Courts, should you have any, or have occasion under the law to establish them, you will be guided by the following instructions.

II Bureau Courts shall be composed of three members, one of whom shall be an officer or agent of this Bureau, and one elected by each of the parties interested. Should one or both of the parties interested, refuse to choose a member of the Court, the Asst. Commissioner shall himself make such selection.

III. Bureau Courts shall have jurisdiction of all cases relating to compensation for labor of refugees and freedmen, and may hear and determine all other civil cases between Refugees, Freedmen and others, not involving more than the sum of $300.00; they may also try offences committed by or against freedmen, provided the punishment imposed shall not exceed a fine of $100.00, or imprisonment at hard labor for thirty days. The judgement of these Courts may be enforced by Military authority and shall not be obstructed by the state laws of any State. The Agent of the Bureau serving on a Bureau Court shall keep a concise record of all cases adjudicated by the Court including fines imposed, or other punishment inflicted. On the last day of

each month shall pay to the Chief Disbursing officer of the Bureau in the State, all moneys accruing from fines thus imposed, and shall furnish him a tabular statement of all the cases giving the names of the persons fined, the offences charged and the sentences of the Court, which statement shall be used by the disbursing officer in the settlement of his accounts, as a voucher for moneys received.

III. Members of Bureau Courts, not paid Agents, shall receive from parties interested in the cases brought before them, reasonable compensation for their services, not exceeding the rate of five dollars per diem. Where crimes are committed against or wrongs are practiced upon freedmen by persons without property, members of the Courts will be paid for their services out of the fund arising from fines imposed, for outrages practiced upon freedmen. The Agent or sub-assistant will forward their accounts to the Asst Commissioner who will audit and order them to be paid.

IV. This Bureau, having been established by Act of Congress and its authority being paramount over subjects relating to Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, cases adjudicated by Bureau Courts will not be subject to revision before State Courts or Magistrates, but will be treated precisely according to the usage of Military tribunals.

V. All cases of Capital crime, felonies, or questions relating to title to Real Estate, will be referred to Military Commissions, the courts of the United States, or of the State in which the case may occur

By order of

O. O. Howard.

Maj Genl Commissioner

Bgd'l A. P. Ketchum.

Bt Maj & A. A. A. G.

Bt Major Genl J. W. Sprague

Asst Commissioner

Little Rock Ark

Official Copy

Jno Eyler

Capt 2. U. S. C. Bt Maj Vols

& A. A. A. G.

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From
Bvt. Lt. Col. H. Skinner, A.A.G.M.
accompanying Plucks
Recd. Sept. 24, '66.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 19 1866

Capt Chas Langdon
Supt. Ref & Frds
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith checks Nos 8. 9 & 10. on Merchants National Bank of this city in payment of the following accounts

J. A Hammersly	$ 78.00
Geo S. Bemis	20.00
Jas S. C. Rowland	97.50

I am very respectfully
Your obedient Servt
A Simmons
Asst Qr Mr & A Supt.

Fort Smith. Ark.
Sept 25th 1866.

Banghaf. Capt Chas
Supt Ords Mar.

Asks in what way coffins can hereafter be furnished destitute Refugees & Freedmen.
The Post Q. M. has still now furnished them
is ordered to discharge all mechanics in his employ while the demand many large there being much sickness especially cholera.

B 36
Oct 1/66

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Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Ms. Ark and Ind Ter.
Little Rock. Sept 29/66

Respectfully referred to
Bt Lt Col H. Skinner
Chf Sr Mr. Bureau R. F. &c

By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
D. A. Reeve
Asst Adjt Genl.

E 305.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Ms. Ark. and Ter
Little Rock Oct 2nd 1866.

Respectfully returned and attention called to Lt Col Skinner's endorsement.

By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

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Head Qrs B R F. & A L
Quartermasters Office
Little Rock Ark
Oct 2 66

Respectfully returned with the instructions that Coffins for the bodies of patients who die in the Refugee & Freedmens Hospitals can be procured by purchase Vouchers for the same will be paid at this Office

H. Clum
Bvt Lt Col & ASM

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., Septbr 25th 1866.

J. W. Sprague
Bt. Major Genl. and A. Commissioner
Little Rock Ark.

General.

I would most respectfully ask for information, in Regard to Coffins, hereafter to be furnished, to Refugees and Freedmen (destitute.) The Post. Qatr. Mast. has up to this time, furnished Coffins, but is now ordered, to discharge all Mechanics, in his Employ; the demand of the same is at present very large, their being a good deal of sickness, especially the Cholera, here.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Bamhaf Capt. 5th U.S.C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

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Fort Smith Ark
Sept 25th 1866.

Banghaf. Capt Chas
Capt & Asst Mar.

States that Willard Ayres has been and is still digging graves for destitute Refugees and Freedmen but has never received pay for his work, Dr Rowland has record of graves dug by him.

Mark copy endorsement furnished Dr Lilly.

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Nat 5/16 1866

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark and Ind Ter
Little Rock. Sept 29/66.

Respectfully referred to Dr H. M. Lilly. Surg in Chief. for his endorsement.
By Order of
Bt Maj Genl J. W. Sprague
W. H. Meacham
Asst Adjt Genl.

E 3115

Respectfully returned to Asst Adj't Gen'l O. H. Williams with the remark that the papers herein enclosed contain all the information on file in this office concerning Chs. W. Ayres and his claims. I recommend that Chs. Ayres be employed by the Ass't Com'r to bury the dead at Fort Smith whenever ordered so to do by the Chief's at that Post & that he be paid therefor.

Office Surg in Chief
Little Rock Ark.
Oct. 3rd 1866

Henry M. Lilly
Asst. Surg. U.S.A.
Surg in Chief

Respectfully returned to Capt Banghaf.
The local authorities ought to bury all deceased paupers, and every effort should be made to induce them to do it. When the necessity occurs for the Agent of the Bureau to bury the dead the expense of digging the grave may be paid on proper vouchers.
By Order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Comm.
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk.

Little Rock Ark

E 3115

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., September 25th 1866.

J. W. Sprague
Bt. Major Genl.
A. Commissioner B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

I have the honor, to most respectfully ask for information, as to the Payment of one "Willard Ayers." who has been, and is still digging Graves, for Refugees, & Freedmen, and has never received pay for his Work. A.A. Surgeon J.S.C. Rorland, is in possesion of the Record, of Graves dug, by said W. Ayers:

I am, very respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Bamghaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt.
B. of R. F. and A. L.

Fort Smith Ark
Oct 15th 1866

Banghaf. Capt Chas
Supt &c &c Mar.

Letter of Sept 29 and
Circulars No 21 rec'd.
Asks if he shall send
report regarding ap-
proving Indentures of
apprenticeship of orphan
Children if none have
been approved.

Bureau R. Fr. & L.
Mo. Ark & Ind Dist.
Little Rock Ark. Oct 16th 1866

Respectfully returned
with the information that
such Reports are needed
to complete our files even
where no Indentures
have been approved.
By Order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Com
Geo E. Dayton
Chief Clerk
E 314.

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Office B. of R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark
October 1st 1866.

D. H. Williams
Asst. Adjt. Genl.
B. of R. F. and A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter from the 20th of Septbr. also the Circular No. 21, from your Hds. Quts. and in reply, would most respectfully ask, whether I have to send you a Report in Regard to the propriety of approving Indentures of Apprenticeship of colored Children, if nothing of that kind has come before me.

I am very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Chas. T. Vaughan
Capt. 5th U. S. C. C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock, Ark,
Oct 8th 1866

From

Capt. Tyler

Enclosing Copy of
Instructions relative to
Claims of Colored
Soldiers

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 8th 1866

Capt C. Kal. Ranzhofer
Supt &c Fort Smith
Captain

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of recent instructions relative to claims of colored soldiers. The first Comm'r directs that the provisions of the joint resolution of June 15th and Aug 16th be made known to the claimants who are interested as soon as possible.

When the evidence in favorable claims under the 1st section is received at this office they will at once be sent to Washington.

I am very respectfully
Your obt. servant
[illegible]
Capt & A.C. of Subs.
Asst Claim Div.

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Oct: 6, 1866.

Crows
Capt Taylor

Relative to Claims &c.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 6th 1866

Capt Chas Bauzhof
Subt A.C. Fort Smith
Ark

By direction of the Assistant Commissioner I have the honor to invite the attention of officers who forward Claims to this office, to a discrepancy existing in the forms furnished for "Proof of Cohabitation and Common Rebute," on account of the omission of the number names and ages of the Children of the parties. Until corrected printed forms are received, officers will cause manuscript affidavits to be made, adhering to the form as printed and adding the names number and ages of the Children

I am Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
John Eaton
Capt 21 U.S.A. Bvt Maj Genl
In charge Claims Div

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Oct. 8, 1866.

From

Col. Skinner

Report of Persons and Articles
Returned for Correction

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark. Oct 8th 1866

Capt. Chas Baughof
Supt Bay R Frds
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith Report of Persons &c for September and vouchers of J. T. Hammersly and W. W. Bailey for corrections. You state under Head of "Remarks &c" "Employed by Lieut Supt Bay R F & A." which is not correct. Mr Hammersly is in your Service

These accts should be made on form No 2.

I send supply of blanks by this mail

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servant
A. A. Stevens
Bvt Lt Col & A A Gen

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Oct. 4. 1866

From

Genl. Sprague

Act of Congress July 28. 1866
Relative to Claims for
Bounties

Circular Letter

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR MISSOURI, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.
CLAIM DIVISION.

Little Rock, Ark., Oct 9th 1866

Circular Letter.

Sir

Attention is respectfully invited to notes on printed instructions giving information respecting bounties provided by the Act of July 28/66

Claims for the additional bounty provided by this Act are now received by the Department. Printed forms and rules and regulations will be supplied as soon as they are received from Washington

By order of
Bt Maj Gen Sprague
John Eaton
Bt Maj & Vols
Disbg Claim Dep

Capt Chas A Bazzlof
Fort Smith
Ark

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Oct. 10, 1866.
Little Rock Ark.

From Genl. Sprague

Special Orders
No. 86

Oath of
allegiance

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Mo. Ark and Ind Dev.
Little Rock Ark. Oct 15th 1866.

Special Orders
No 86

3. It being required by the Act
to continue in force and to amend "An Act
to establish a Bureau for the relief of
Freedmen and Refugees", approved July 16th
1866, that all officers agents and employees of
this Bureau, before entering upon the duties
of their office shall take the oath following:
"I. A.B. do solemnly swear (or affirm)
that I have never voluntarily borne arms
against the United States since I have been
a citizen thereof. that I have voluntarily
given no aid, countenance, counsel or encour-
agement to persons engaged in armed hostility
thereto, that I have neither sought nor accepted,
nor sought to exercise the functions of any
office whatever under any authority or preten-
ded authority in hostility to the United States.

that I have not yeilded a voluntary support to any pretended government, authority, power or constitution within the United States, hostile or inimical thereto.

And I do further swear (or affirm) that to the best of my knowledge and ability I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States, against all enemies foreign and domestic, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation, or purpose of evasion and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office, on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

In compliance therewith, each officer, agent and employee of this Bureau, other than officers of the Army, will at once take the oath required, and forward it through the proper channel to these Head Quarters; those now on duty in the Bureau who cannot take the oath prescribed are hereby relieved from duty.

By Order

Assistant Commissioner.

Capt Chas Banzhaf U.S.C.
Supt + Pro Mar Freedmen
Fort Smith, Ark.

L Ft Smith Ark
Oct. 16th 1866.

Benz haf Cabb 6hs.
Supt &c.

Asks information on what form reports of Indentures will be made.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark
Oct 26th 1866.

Respectfully returned. There are no printed blanks for reports of Indentures. The report will give the names and residence of the parties. names and ages of the children, date of the indenture and by whom made, and the stipulations of the same.

By order of
J. W. Sprague Asst Com

John Taylor
Bvt. Maj. U.S.V.
& A.A.A.Genl

Office Supt. R., F., & A. L.,

Fort Smith, Ark., Oct 16th 1866.

D. H. Williams
Asst. Adjt. Genl.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir

I would respectfully ask information, in regard to Monthly Reports of Indentures — in what form they are to be made out — there being no blanks, records, or anything, except Circulars No. 16, 17, and 21, pertaining to Indentures, in this office.

I Am, very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Chas. Bamhaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

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Oct. 17, 1866.

From:
Wm. M. Colby
Genl. Supt. Fr. Schs. for Ark.

In reference to school
matters.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Missouri, Arkansas and Indian Territory,

Office of Gen'l. Supt. of Schools.

Little Rock, Ark. Oct. 17th 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that Monthly Reports be made by Mrs. the lady having charge of Orphans at Ft. Smith. It matters not how few attend the School it should be reported just the same.

I have made arrangements with the Am. Miss. Ass'n to supply teachers to freedmen. I am desirous of having a School opened at Ft. Smith. Please report what part of the Expense can be met by the freedmen themselves and if a suitable building can be secured without delay.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Wm M Colby

Gen'l Supt Fr. Schls for Ark.

Capt. Chas. Banzhaf,
Supt. R.F. & A.L.
Ft Smith, Ark.

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Oct. 22, 1866.

From

H. H. Kinnes

Bvt. Lt. Col. & A.D.C.M.

Enclosing Checks

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Octr. 1866

Capt Chas Bayley
Supt R & FL
Ft Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith checks Nos. 4270 & 71. on Nath Ark of this city in payment of the following vouchers

J A Hammersly	97 00
W W Bailey	70. 00

I am very respectfully
your obt Servt

H Steiner
Bvt Lt Col & AQM

Mar 1 1866

Office of the Aft Supt
Ft Yell & and adjt Genl
Dardanelle Ark Nov 1st 1866

Sheriff of Perry Co

My Tyer Arnott makes complaint against one Mr Savage of Perry Co State of Arkansas, he states that he has one pony in his possession, which is his (Tyer arnett's property, he stated that he is prepared to prove that said pony is his lawful property. Please be kind enough to instruct him how to proceed to obtain a writ of replevy for the purpose of replevying his property, any Security you want you can have, you proceed according to Law that the man may get justice in the case, if you are not able to put the Law in force notify me, and I will send you what Assistance you require,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed Wm Morgan
Capt 18th Regt V. R. & Genl Aft Supt
B R & Genl A. L.

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Nov. 6, 1866.

From

Gen. E.O.C. Ord

Circular Letter

Requiring "abstract of vouchers given for purchases etc.

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Little Rock, Ark., November 6th, 1866.

CIRCULAR LETTER,

SIR:—You will make out and forward to Brevet Colonel HENRY PAGE, A. Q. M., Chief Quartermaster Bureau R. F. and A. L. for Arkansas and Indian Territory, on the last day of each month, an abstract of all vouchers given for purchase of articles for use of the Bureau, showing that the property has been accounted for in accordance with Par. 1013, Rev. Army Reg., viz: "All property, paid for or not, must be taken up on the return, and accounted for when received."

By Command of Brevet Major General E. O. C. ORD:

Assistant Commissioner.

John Eyles

Capt. V. R C., Bvt. Major Vols.

A. A. A. Genl.

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Nov. 7, 1866.

From

Henry Pag:

Bvt. Col. & A.D.C.

inclosing Checks

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 7th 1866

Capt Chas Baughaf
Supt Ref F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose herewith checks Nos 5 & 6. in payment of the following acts. viz:

J. A Hammonds Octobr. 66. $9 75/100
W H Bailey Asst. " 66 20 00

I am my respectfully
your obedient Svt
Hum Page
Ass Disbg

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Nov. 10, 1866

From

Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.D.C.

Inclosing Triplicate
Receipts, R. & F. funds.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 10. 1866

Capt Chas Bangsaf
Supt R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith triplicate receipts for the sum of three hundred dollars ($300.00/100) amt of A F Funds received from you this day.

I am very respectfully
your obedient Servt
W Clump Paige
R & Q Master

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Nov. 10, 1866.

From
Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.D.C.

Returning Voucher of
V. Dell for signature to
receipt

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 10 1866

Chas Bangbas.
Capt. Supt A Fords.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to return herewith, through your office, voucher of T. Dell for printing, for signature to receipt.

I am very respectfully
your obt servt
[illegible]
A A Q M

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Nov. 10, 1866.

From
Henry Page
Bvt. Col. & A.D.C.M.

Receipts, in Triplicate
N.Y. & T. funds.

Nov – 1866 –

No. 1 ..... Voucher to Abstract BB.

FUNDS TRANSFERRED.

To .....

At .....

..... **186**.....

Dollars 100

Baugh & f

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the States of Missouri and Arkansas.

No. 3 30

Little Rock, Ark.,

Received this *Tenth* day of *November* 186*5*

from *Capt Chas Baughaf Supt* the sum of

Three Hundred 100 Dollars

Funds funds for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the

United States.

(Signed in Triplicate)

Wm Rogers

Bvt Lieut

No. 1.....Voucher to Abstract BB.

FUNDS TRANSFERRED.

To.....

At.....

..... 186.....

Dollars.....105

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the States of Missouri and Arkansas.

$ 3 30/100

Little Rock, Ark.,

Received this Seventh day of November 1866

from Capt Chas Bangham Asst Qr M the sum of

Three & 30/100 100 Dollars

Rent

funds for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the

United States.

(Signed in Triplicate.)

O. Wm Page

Bvt Col & Capt

No. .....Voucher to Abstract BB.

FUNDS TRANSFERRED.

To .....

At .....

..... Novr 10 ..... 1866 .....

Dollars ..... 5. ..... 30/100

H Rose
Do

QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For the States of Missouri and Arkansas.

No. 2961

Little Rock, Ark., 1866

Received this Tenth day of November

from Capt. Chas Bangham Quartr

Three & 20/100 Dollars

and it funds for which I am accountable to the Treasury of the

United States.

(Signed in Triplicate.)

R. Allen Pope

Lt Col & A Q M

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Nov. 12, 1866.

From

Capt. John Taylor
A.A.A.G. Genl.

Claims of Colored Soldiers &c.
should give name &c. &c.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ~~MISSOURI~~, ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

~~CLAIM DIVISION.~~

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 12th 1866.

Capt Chas. Bauschaff.r
Supt R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith. Ark.

Capt.

The Asst Comr directs that letters of transmittal accompanying claims of colored Soldiers &c, should give the name of the claimant, and the name, rank company and regiment of the person on whose account the claim is made.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Eaton
Capt U.S.C. Bvt Maj Vols
A.A.A. Genl

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Nos. 17866.

From.

Capt. John Tyler
1st. Maj. 2 Ols
A.A.A. Genl.

Soldiers claims to be
taken without proof
of freedom

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock Ark., Nov 21st 1866

Capt Charles Bomshaf
Supt R.C.
Ft. Smith Ark.

Capt.,

I am directed by the Asst Comr to inform you, that claims may now be taken under the joint resolutions of June 15th and July 26th 1866, without furnishing proof of freedom. Claims should be made first under those resolutions and afterward for the bounty under the "equalization act". The necessary blanks will be furnished at the earliest possible date, and until they are received, it is suggested to the officers who forward claims, that they receive the discharges from the claimants when application is made, and prepare the claims when the blanks are obtained thus keeping the soldiers from the hands of claim agents

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
John Eyler
Capt & A.A.G. Bt Maj Vols
A.A.A. Genl

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Fort Smith, Ark

Dec 2nd 1866

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Banghof, Chas.

Dept of C.

Chf Quarty Office R.R.O.R.
Little Rock Ark. Dec 11/66

Respy returned

The voucher referred to
within, has not been
received at this office.

Wm Rogers
A.A.G.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort-Smith Ark.
Dectr. 2d 1866.

Lt. Page.
Bt. Col. a. q. m. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col.

I would most respectfully inform you, that the price of Coffins, furnished to Refugees & Freedmen by. James Hoey is to much. at $. 8.00 they are only worth about $. 6.00 please return Hoey's vouchers for correction.
I examined some of the Coffins and am perfectly convinced of the above.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Sevt.
Chas. Banzhaf
Capt. & V.R.C.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L.

Washington, Dec 5th 1866

Howard, O. O.

Commissioner

(Form 3

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, [illegible]men, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, December 5th, 1866

Sir:

Your Property accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of ~~~~~ October ~~~~~ . 1866, have been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

[redacted]

By order of Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Commr.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

Capt Chas Banzhaf
V.R.C. Supt C.
Fort Smith
Ark

Thos Bt Col Henry Page
A.A.G.M.

[redacted]

Jno M Schofield
Bvt. Brig. Genl. and Chief Q. M.
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith ark
Dec 2. 1866.
10 — 10 —

Burying Capt Chs.
Supt &c.

Asks what can be done in case of Hilard Ayers, who was employed as sexton by Capt Able and 2d Lieut Leiter + claims pay for digging 79 graves at $5.00 per grave. Thinks $2.00 per grave will pay him well.

B. 73. Volume 2. 6th.

DEC 10

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
For Ark & Ind Ter
Little Rock ark
Dec 10. 1866.

Respectfully returned to Capt Ch's Burying Supt &c, calling attention to an endorsement of Genl Sprague under date Oct 4. 1866, on a former communication relative to this subject.

By command of
Bt Maj. Genl Ord,
Asst Comr

John Eyler
Capt 2d U. S. C. Bt Maj. 2nd
A. A. A. Genl.

E. 353.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark
Sctbr. 2d 1866.

John Tyler
Capt. U. K. C. Bl. Maj. Vols.
A. A. A. Genl.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir:

I would most respectfully ask, what is, or can be done, in the case of, one Willard Ayers, he was employed by the Govt. at this Place, as Sexton, but discharged since last Septbr. - Ayers told me a short time since, That Capt. Abel, & Lt. S. Geisreiter, my predecessors, employed him, to dig the Graves for Refugees & Freedmen Dr. J. S. C. Rowland, a. a. Surg. B. of R. F. & A. L. certifys to That. Sexton Ayers dug 79 Graves, for which he charges $5.00 pr. Grave. I have within the past 6 Weeks, made

the Freedmen dig their deceased
friends. Graves. It is my opinion, that
$. 2.50 for digging one Grave, ought to
pay Mr. Ayers well.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Banghaf
Capt. 5th U.S.C.C.
Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

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Dec. 13, 1866

From

May John Tyler

Clothing shipped to
Ft. Gibson

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 18th 1866.

Capt Chs. Banzhaf, A.R.C.
Superintendent &c,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain,

I am directed by the Asst Comr to inform you that a quantity of clothing has this day been shipped by Steamer American to Fort Gibson and as this clothing will probably be reshipped at Ft Smith this boat not going beyond that point this trip you are desired to see that it goes safe on the first boat. The Clerk of the American has signed through Way bills, and it is his business to see that it goes through without delay, still to prevent any delay or mishap, the Asst Comr desires you to look after it.

Yours

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt,

John Taylor
Capt U.S.R.C. Bvt Maj Vols.
A.A.A. Genl.

Little Rock, Ark

Dec 18th 1866

Page, Henry

Bvt. Col. USA

Enclosed check for

$129.50/100

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATES OF MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 13 1866.

Capt Chas Bingham
Supt R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to inclose herewith check for $129.50 in payment of the following vouchers viz

J. H Hammersley 97 Lbs H H. Barley $20.50
& Bells Printing $12.00

I am very respectfully
your obedient servant
Thomas Page
Br & Q Master

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Decr. 16. 1866.

From.

Maj. Tyler
A.A.C. 2 Div.

Accompanying
Receipts & Invoices
of Clothing.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

~~FOR MISSOURI,~~ *ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.*

~~STATE DIVISION.~~

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 15 1866

Capt Chas Bancroft
Supt R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark

Sir:

I have the honor to forward herewith a rejection of a quantity of Clothing which the Asst Commissioner has directed me to transfer to your station distribution by you under the regulations of this Bureau.

Please return the receipt duly signed at your earliest convenience.

I am very respectfully
your Obt Svt
J Mosgrove
Capt & A.C. S. R F & A L.
A.A.A.G.

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Dec. 15, 1866

From.

Maj. John Tyler

To

Approving Colonization of Freedmen on Govt. lands etc.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 15th 1866.

Capt. Chs. Banzhaf. U.S.C.
Superintendent,
Fort Smith, Ark,

Captain,

Referring to that portion of of your monthly report for November, which mentions the desire of certain parties of Freedmen in your vicinity to locate lands under the "Homestead Act" but are progressing slowly because the Land Office for that district is not open, I have the honor to inform you that it is believed here that a Register and Receiver of U.S. Lands have been appointed for that District and that office will soon be opened. A report of the condition of the Land Offices in this State has been made to the Com-

missioner of the General Land Office at Washington, and it is hoped that the affairs of the Land department will receive attention and the offices be opened for business. Meantime you should encourage the Freedmen to make all necessary preparations towards colonizing upon the Government lands.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

John Eyler
Capt U.S.C.T. Bvt Maj. Genl.
A.A.A. Genl.

3 Little Rock Ark.

Dec. 16. 1866

From Genl. Ord

To Post Commanders — to furnish troops for arrest of criminals

Hd. Qrs. Dept of the Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark. Dec 16, 1866.

Circular Letter.

To

Commanding Officer.

Post of

Military Commanders of this Department, receiving application for a military force to aid in the arrest of citizens, who have been guilty of murder, robbery, aggravated assault, rape or arson upon freedmen, freedwomen or their families, will furnish the necessary force to make the arrest provided the application is accompanied with copies of affidavits of credible witnesses to the crime, and the statement of the superintendent of freedmen, that he has brought the case to the notice of the proper civil authorities of the State and they have failed or refused to take cognizance thereof.

The troops furnished will return to their

2 6 Little Rock. Ark.

Decr. 29th 1866.

From

Maj. John Tyler
A.A.A. Genl

Authorizing the purchase
of office furniture

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 20th 1866

Circular Letter.

Sir

By direction of the Ass't Com'r I have the honor to authorize you to make purchases of a desk, chairs and other office furniture necessary to the proper conduct of the business of your office. The attention of civilian Superintendents acting under this authority is invited to Circular No 31 dated at this office the 17th inst.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

John Tyler
Capt 4 U.S.C. Lt Maj Vols
A.A.A. Genl

To.

Capt Chas Bamshaf
Supt &c
Fort Smith. Ark.

No. 25.

No. ..... Abstract D. ..... Qr. 186

James Hoey

Dollars 2,16 $\frac{00}{100}$

Dec 21, ch 866.

Not required, in

duplicate with

returns.

No. 25—Voucher to Abstract D.

The United States,

To James Hoy (Dr.

DATE OF PURCHASE.		DOLLARS.	CTS.
November 1866	For Twenty Seven Coffins at Eight Dollars each, furnished on order of Dr. Jos. S. C. Rowland A. A. Surg. B. of R. F. and A. L. at Fort Smith Ark. during the month of November 1866.	216	00
		216	00

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that I purchased the articles above enumerated of the said James Hoy, at the prices therein charged, amounting to Two Hundred and Sixteen dollars and ____ cents, and that I have not paid the account.

Chas. Banzhaf Capt. 3 U.S.A.
Supt. B. of R. F. & A. L. Quartermaster.

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Dec. 24, 1866.

From. Col. Page

Acknowledging receipt of Property Returns for November 1866.

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Dec. 24, 1866.

From. Col. Page

Acknowledging receipt of Property Returns for November 1866.

Dept Office A A G L.
Little Rock Ark.
Dec 2nd 1866.

Capt. Chas Thompson
Asst Chief Q M
Fort Smith Ark

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Property Return for month of November 1866.

Abstract L (Post) with vouchers and required

I am very respectfully
your obedient Servt
Wm F Page
Lt Col & A A G

Dec. 26. 1864

From Genl. Howard -

accompanying Manual & Circulars

[F[illegible] 9.]

War Department,

Bureau [illegible]gees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, Dec. 26, 1866.

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith One copies each of ~~General Orders,~~ ~~Nos.~~

Bureau Officers Manual

Also, 1 copies each of Circulars, Chief Q. M. O., Bureau R. F. and A. L. Nos. A. 5. and 6.

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

~~You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.~~

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

By order of Maj. Genl. O. O. Howard, Commr.

Thos. M. Whittelsey

Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

To Capt. Chas. Bus[illegible]

A.A.G.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Retained Copy of a
Letter of Transmittal
to Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Commissioner B.R.F. and
A.L. pertaining to a
Personal Report
December 31st
1866

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Office of the Asst Supt
for Yell & and Adjt Dist
Dardanelle Ark's Decr 31st 1866

Maj Genl O. O. Howard
Commissioner B.R.F. and A.L.
Washington D.C.

Sir

In Compliance with Circular
(No 12), Dated War Department, Bureau of Refugees,
Freedmen and Abandoned Lands. Washington
December 1st 1866. I have the honor to forward
a Personal Report. The nature of my duties,
and the authority by which I am placed on
duty at this station.

Sir I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Signed Wm Morgan
Capt 18th Regt V. R. & and Asst Supt
B.R.F. and A.L.

Little Rock, Ark.,

Dec 31st 1866.

Commissioner, Asst.

Authorizes and directs the purchase of a cooking stove with furniture and pipe, for Freedmens ~~Hospital at Dr Smith's~~

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Asst. Comm's Office.

Little Rock Ark

Jany. 3d 1867.

Recty, forwarded to Capt Chas Bangkaf.

Vouchers for the purchase of the within mentioned Stove will be paid at this office.

Thos Page

Bt Col & A.A.G.

Bureau of Refug[illegible]edmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,
Little Rock, Ark., Dec 21st 1866

Capt. & A.A.G. Dept. of A.R.
Superintendent &c.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain,

I am instructed by the Asst Commr. to authorize and direct that you purchase a cook stove with furniture and fixtures for the Refugee and Freedmens Hospital at Fort Smith at an expense not exceeding ($ 70.00) Seventy eight dollars In making the selection you should confer with the A. A. Surgeon in charge.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.

J. M. Tyler
Capt. & A.A.G. 2nd Div. 8th A.C.
A. A. A. G.

Thro'
Lt Col. H. Page,
Chf Quartermaster.

32 Little Rock Ark.
Dec. 27. 1866.

From

Maj. Tyler
A.A.A. Genl.

54, 63. Lufty Col. &
4th Arty. (Heavy)
disqualified from receiving
bounty under the "Equalization
Act" except &c.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Circular Letter. Little Rock, Ark., Dec 27. 1866

Sirs:

Upon an examination of the rolls of the regiments of colored troops mustered out in this Department it is found that the word 'slave' appears opposite the name of each man of the 54th and 63d Regiments U. S. C. T. (Infantry.) and the 4th Regiment U. S. C. Arty. (Heavy). Therefore claims will not be taken for bounty on account of discharged soldiers of the regiments under the Joint Resolutions of Congress of June 15th and July 26th 1866. and Act of Congress of July 28th. 1866. (Equalization Act) except the applicants can furnish satisfactory proof that the person on whose account the claim is made, was free on or before April 19. 1861.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt.
John Tyler
Capt U. S. C. T. & Maj Vols
A. A. Gen'l.

Capt Chas Bamshab
Supt.
Ft Smith
Arkansas

LR. 68-67-BR. Ft. A5

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Office Supt. R. F. & A. L.
Jonesboro Ark. Dec. 28th 1866.

Inman
Wm. A.

Asks for an increase of pay as Supt. R. F. & A. L. for the counties of Greene Craighead and Poinsett. to $100 00/100 per month from Dec. 1st 1866.

file ltr endmt No 2 of May 1st
referred by Col Page

Recd Jan 15. 1867.

Office Asst Supt. R. &c.
Jacksonport Ark
Jan. 18th 1867.

Respectfully forwarded to Bvt Maj Tyler A.A.G. with the request that the petition be granted.
I have already Reported Mr. Inman for the Month of December as receiving Eighty five Dollars ($85.) and have sent him Vouchers for that amount.

J. T. Watson.
Maj & Genl Supt. R. F. & A. L.

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Office Supt. & Frac Man. R. F. & A. L.
Jonesboro. Lawrighead Co. Ark. Dec 27th 1866.

Brvt. Maj. Gen. E. O. C. Ord
Asst. Comr. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Generals

I have the honor to make the following statement and request: I was appointed Supt. R. F. & A. L. for the counties of Greene Lawrighead and Poinsett on the 1st day of March 1866. by Special Order No. 22. from Gen. Sprague's Head-Quarters. The understanding between Gen. Sprague and myself, was, that if the fees of the office would not pay me, then if Congress made any provision or appropriation for the Bureau he would allow me a substantial salary. I came here immediately - travelled over my district during the month of March, approving contracts, settling difficulties &c, and realized $42.00 for my months labor. I reported the condition of affairs to Gen. Sprague and he insisted on my remaining, saying that he was satisfied that Congress would make the appropriation. Then he would be enabled to pay me. With these promises I continued in office. During the month of August I visited Little Rock but Gen. Sprague was absent in Washington, consequently I did not get to see him. I have received no fees since March. In November Maj. Jas. T. Watson Gen. Supt. at Jacksonport Ark. issued me a Voucher - allowing me $75.00 per month, back to April 1st 1866. with the understanding

that I should have $100.00 per month after that time.
but for the month of November he has again issued me
a Voucher for $75.00 with the explanation that owing
to later instruction he could not give me $100.00

Now General I would respectfully ask that Maj. Jas. T.
Watson be allowed to pay $100.00 per month from Dec.
1st 1866. I can attend to nothing but the duties of the
office – I came here in the first place with the under-
standing that I should be paid – that I am compelled
to travel all over my district (without transportation)
and that too at exorbitant ~~prices~~ – that the cost of
living is very great, to say nothing of the unpleasant
ness and even danger a man in my position is
constantly undergoing in Arkansas. For the above
reasons I consider my application just.

I am General.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt.
Wm. A. Inman
Capt. A. F. & A. C.

War Department
D. Office
Feby 26, 1867

From
Geo. W. Balloch
Bt. Brig. Gen. &c.

rec'd Mar. 19, 1867

Acknowledging
receipt of R. & F. Funds
for Jany. 1867.

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER,

Washington, Feb 26th 1867

Capt. Charles Banzhaf

Fort Smith Ark

Sir:

Your Money Accounts for the month of January 1867, on account of the ~~Appropriation of Congress,~~ Refugees and Freedmen's Fund ~~and School Fund,~~ have been received at this Office.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Geo. L. Ballock

Bvt. Brig.-Gen., and Chief D.O., Bureau R.F & A.L.

Little Rock, Ark.
Mar. 13, 1867

Enclosing Check
for Tcby. accounts

From

Henry Page
Bt. Col. & A.D.C.

rec'd. Mar. 19, 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 13th 1867.

Capt. Chas Banzhaf
Supt. Ft Smith Ark.

Capt.

I enclose herewith my check no. 234 on Merchants National Bank of Little Rock Ark. for the sum of one hundred & sixty dollars, in payment of accounts as follows.

Anton Klein.	*Duty rent m.*		*$60.00*
Mr Ayres.	*" Services*		*$40.00*
W. W. Bailey	*"*	*"*	*$28.00*
K. Williams	*"*	*"*	*$20.00*
J. Blank	*"*	*"*	*10.00*
W. Green	*"*	*"*	*10.00*
			$160.00.

Please acknowledge receipt

When you issue vouchers on your form 2. you should enter under the head of remarks opposite the names in red ink. — "voucher given".

Very respectfully
Your obt. Svt.
W. Ellis Capt
A.A.C.S. & A.A.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

152. Little Rock, Ark. March 5th 1867.

Captain Charles Bamyhaf.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark

Capt:

I have the honor to inform you that the three colored men from Georgia who have been looking at lands near Fort Smith, have arrived here bringing your letter of the 12th inst. and good reports of their investigation.

They are united with the lands they saw, and wish Mr. Smoot to make the surveys and do all he can towards completing the entries at once upon the terms he stated viz $2.00 for each 80 acres tract to be paid for by them; also as soon as the Clarksville Lands office is opened, to perfect the entries.

A report of the urgent necessity for the opening of this Lands office is made to Washington, and it is expected that arrangements for locating lands will soon be made by the opening of the Clarksville office, or its consolidation with the Little Rock

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Little Rock, Ark.
March, 15, 1867.

From

Jno Tyler
A.A.A.G.

Recd. Mar. 20th 1867.

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Colored delegation arrived — Land Office to be opened soon — address — Abram Colby, Greensborough, Green Co. Ga.

Affix. If Abram Colby, (one of the three colored men just returned from Fort Smith) should learn any thing of importance relative to the Colony from Washington, or the Colonists. He will, communicate with you and should Mr Smoot desire to write to the Colonists he can reach them by addressing Mr Abram Colby, care of John. J Dougherty Esqr. Queensborough, Green. Co. Georgia.

I am very respectfully
Yours Obt. Servt.

Jno. Tyler.
1st Lieut 4th U. S. Infty.
Acty Asst Adjt Genl.

Little Rock, Ark.
Mar. 15. 1867.

Circular Letter.

From
Henry Page
Bt. Col. U.S.A.

Rec'd. Mar. 20, 1867.

Purchase vouchers should state explicitly for what purpose the articles are purchased

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., March 16th 1867.

Circular Letter.

Officers of this Bureau who issue vouchers for the purchase of property are hereby cautioned of the importance of stating explicitly on the face of the voucher for what purpose the articles are purchased, to enable the Department at Washington to charge the cost of the articles against the proper appropriation.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.
Wm. Page
Asst. Com. & Disb. Offr.

Capt. Chas. Banczon,
Supt. R. F. & A. L.,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Little Rock, Ark.
Mar. 16, 1867

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Inclosing list of Colonists from Green Co. Georgia

From

Jno Tyler
a.a.a.g.

rec'd Mar. 20, 1867

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Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

No 153. Little Rock, Ark., March 16th 1867.

Capt Charles Bamyhaf, U.S.C.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain.

I inclose herewith a list of the names of the colonists who are to come from Green County Georgia and locate near Fort Smith, for the information of Mr Smoot, the Surveyor in preparing their papers.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

M. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43d U.S. Infantry.

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

Little Rock, Ark.
March 16, 1867.

From

Jno Tyler
1st Lt. 43d U.S. Infty.
A.A.A.G.

rec'd Mar. 20, 1867.

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Relating to the case of organized band—ering, for guidance, to Circular No. 30. Series of 1866.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

Office of Assistant Commissioner,

\#155. Little Rock, Ark., March 16th 1867.

Capt. Charles Bauzhaf, U.S.C.

Agent, Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 7th inst reporting the existence of an organized band of which one William Gibson is leader and which has committed several murders and outrages in Scott County.

In reply thereto I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that no action can be taken upon reports of murders and outrages when presented in the shape of simple statements, but the reports must be in the form of affidavits which prove the parties charged with the offence to be criminals, as directed in Circular No. 30. Series of 1866. You should therefore in this and all similar cases require persons who prefer the complaints to make their statements under solemn oath and upon the bible.

In this case you will procure the affidavits

as above directed and submit a copy to the Commanding Officer Post of Fort Smith and forward a copy to this office whereupon immediate action will be taken. Circular No 34 judicial is still in force provides in detail for proper action.

I am very respectfully

Your Obt Servt,

Jno Tyler

1st Lieut 45th U.S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

War. Department
Mar. 21st 1867.

C —

From

Henry M. Whittlesey
Bvt Brig. Genl.
and Chief Q. M.
B. R. F. & a. L.

No order authorizing
Purchas for February
recd., required

(Form 3.)

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, March 21st, 1867

Sir:

Your Property accounts "Stores pertaining to the Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands" for the month of February, 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to Third Auditor of the Treasury for final examination and settlement.

Remarks

As order authorizing the purchases reported on Abstract "D" received, required

By order of Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, Commr.

Very Respectfully, Your Obedient Servant,

Capt Chas. Bamgbaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith
Ark

Bvt. Brig. Genl., and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R. F. & A. L.

NNNN 667

Little Rock

Ark. 21, 1864

Executive Letters

Recruiting Agents

Lt. John Tyler

A.A.A.G.

to recruit for the

U.S. Colored Cav.

Regiment

Rec'd. Mar. 2, 1864

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ~~MISSOURI,~~ ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY.

~~CLAIM DIVISION,~~

Little Rock, Ark., March 21st 1867

Circular Letter

Sir,

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that he wishes the Agents of the Bureau to render such service as they can, consistent with their other duties, in obtaining recruits for the 10th Regiment U. S. Cavalry (Colored). When it comes to the knowledge of any Agent that there are colored men suitable for, and desiring to enlist in, this regiment, he will at once report the facts by telegraph or letter to Capt J. H. Walsh, 10th U. S. Cavalry, Little Rock, Arkansas.

All recruits must be at least 5 feet 6 inches high. Capt Walsh will soon furnish to the Agents - Geo Gaston giving all the terms of an enlistment. Any expenses incurred by telegraphing or otherwise, in obtaining recruits will be paid by Capt Walsh.

Agents will inform the colored men through the medium of their Preachers that recruits are wanted for this regiment and the manner of effecting an enlistment.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt

Jno. Tyler.

1st Lieut 43rd U.S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

To

Capt Charles Penzhaf

Agent

Fort Smith

Arkansas

Little Rock Ark.
Apr. 17, 1867.

Henry Sager
Bt. Col. A. D. C.

Recd. Apr. 22, 1867.

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Inclosing O.K.
for March ap.
($217.44/100)

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 17 1867.

Capt Chas Paugh
Agent B of R F & L.
Fort Smith Ark.

Captain

I have the honor to inclose herewith Ck on March Nat'l Bk of this City for two hundred & seventeen & 44/100 Dollars $217.44 in payment of the following vouchers. Viz-

Jno R. Simms	$19.60	H H Bailey	$20-
Anton Heid	60-	Henry Hellmuth	20
J A Hammerly	97.84		

a deduction of 36¢ Internal Tax has been made in the voucher of J A Simms.

I am very respectfully
Your obdt Servant
Wm Logan
Bvt Col & Asst.

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War Department
Mar. 25, 1867

C.

From.

Genl. Whittlesey
Chf. D.M.
B. f.R.L. & a.L.

Recd. Apr 3, 1867.

Inclosing Circulars
No. 6, 7, 9, & 10. 1867

[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, March 26th 1867.

Aplaw:

I have the honor to transmit herewith ____ copies each of General Orders, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos. ____

Also, Nr copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos: ~~4 to 10 excl 86~~ 6. 7. 9 10. 87 ____ the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A.L.

To Capt Chas Bankhead
Superintendent —
Fort Smith Ark.

Little Rock, Ark.
April 1st 1867.

Requiring Abstract
to purchase vouchers
for Feb. 1867.

From.

Henry Page
A.A.Com. & A.A.I.G.

Read. April 3rd 1867

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Augt 12 1867.

Capt Chas Banzhaf
Agent Bur of R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith Arkansas.

Capt.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 25th ult regarding Your purchase vouchers for the month of July 1867. and in reply would respectfully state that the vouchers mentioned are now in this office, and will be paid as soon as your Abstract of purchases for July 1867 is received. vouchers issued,

I am Capt
Very respectfully
Your obt svt.
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A Q M.

Little Rock, Ark.
Apl. 11, 1867

Returns for March rec'd. Triplicate copy of clothing required.

Henry Gage
Bt. Col. & A.A.G.M.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 11th 1867.

Dr.
Capt Chas Banzhaf
Supt R F & L.

Capt

Your Returns of Stores and C C & E for the month of March are rec'd and will be forwarded when Triplicate Copy of Clothing is rec'd See Circular. 7. dated Washington March 9th 1867

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Thomas Paige
Bvt Col & A.A.G.

Bureau R. F. & A. Cs.

2 N. & Duty Office.

Little Rock Ark

P April 17. 1867.

Respectfully returned.

Forage requisition for month of March. 1867 was received on or about March 10th from Dr Ekey and immediately turned over to Lt Col A. Montgomery D.Q.M.G. Chf Trans Dept Ark. Since which time I have heard nothing of them. apply to Quartermaster at Fort Smith

Thos Pope

Lt Col

C. Bonle, 5th U.S. Cav. Asst A.A.G.

Office B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort-Smith Ark.
April 5.th 1867.

Henry Page
Bt. Lcol. & A. P. M.
B. of R. F. & A. L.

Lcol.:

Enclosed please find Requisitions for Stationery, for the Quarter ending June 30.th 1867.

I would most respectfully ask, why the Requisition for Forage, for Dr. Ihle. A.A. Surg. U.S.A. in charge of R. & F. Hospital has not been attended to.? the Dr. asks me about 7 times every Week, for his forage.

I am Lcol.

Very respectfully
Your obdt. Servant
Chas. Bangha
Capt. 5.th U.S.C. Agt. B. of Ft. Sm.

Bureau Q. M. & A. G.
Q. M. Disbg Office
Little Rock Apl. 12. 67

Respectfully returned.

The within mentioned "Abstract of Purchases ~~of~~ vouchers given" not used at this Office. but in its stead was received Report of Persons' Articles for month of March 1867. which I have Summed is an error.

Thos. Page
Bvt Col. & A.Q.M.

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Office Agent. B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort-Smith Ark.
April 6th 1867.

Henry Page
Bt. Col. A. G. M.
B. of R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Ark.

Col.!

I have the honor, to transmit to you the Abstract of purchase vouchers issued, for the Month of February 1867. if I am not mistaking, the same voucher, was sent to me for signature, and returned to your Office, some time ago.

I am Col.
very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. Bonghak
Capt. 5.th U.S.C.
Agent B. of R. F. & A.

Little Rock A.R.
Apr. 12th 1867

From

Henry Page
Bt. Col & A.A.G. Ms.

Recd. Apr. 15, 1867

Inclosing Invoices and Blank Recds. for Stationery — on requisition of Apr. 1st 1867.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 13th 1867.

To
Capt Chas Banghof
Supt R F & A L.
Capt

Enclosed herewith please find amount of Stationery for which Your requisition of April 1st calls. Also Invoices and Blank Receipts for same.

Please sign and return receipts at Your earliest Convenience

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A Q M

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Little Rock, Ark.
April 15, 1867

Wm. M. Colby
Supt. of Education

Recd. Apr. 20, 1867

Freedmen's School house

— A plan for a schoolhouse to be submitted as soon as officially informed that a site has been secured — urges prompt action in the matter

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., April 15, 1867.

Capt. Chas. Banghaf,
Agent Bureau R. F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Captain:

I have the honor to State that a plan for a school house for freedmen at Ft. Smith will be submitted as soon as I am officially informed that a suitable site has been secured in fee Simple by the parties interested.

I take the liberty to suggest the importance of prompt action on the part of the freedmen and their friends in the matter.

Very Respectfully;
Your obedient Servt,
Wm. M. Colby,
Superintendent of Education.

Little Rock Ark.
Apl. 16, 1867

Col. Page
Little Rock, Ark.

Clothing Receipt Rolls
required in Triplicate

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., April 16th 1867.

To
Capt Chas Bamphaf
5th U.S.C.
Fort Smith Arkansas

Capt

Your Clothing Camp and Garrison Returns for the month of March are hereby Returned for Correction"

Clothing Rect Rolls require to be witnessed by an Officer or in the absence of an Officer by a Noncommissioned Officer. (See R.R. Par. 1152.)

If it is not practicable to obtain a witness to the issues of Clothing already made then an affidavit made by yourself "That the issues as set forth by Rect Roll are correct" will be required

Clothing Returns are required to be forwarded in Triplicate

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Thos Page

Bvt Col & A.A.G.M

Little Rock, C. K.
Apl. 18, 1867

Henry Page
Bt. Col. U.S.A.

Rec'd. Apl. 22, 1867

Pursuance vouchers
issued in Feby & Mar. 186
in office will not be
paid til L. L. of Nov. 6, 1866
is complied with.

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Quartermaster's and Disbursing Office,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 18 1867.

Capt. Chas Bayha
Agent R F & A L.
Fort Smith Ark

Captain

I have the honor to inform you, that Purchase vouchers, issued by you, during months of February, and March, 1867. are in this Office, and will not be paid, until Circular Letter, dated H.Q. R. F. & A. L. For Arkansas, and Indian Territory, Office of Asst Comr. Little Rock, Ark, Nov 6th 1867. has been complied with.

I am very resply.
Your obdt Servt
Wm L. Pugh
Asst Adjt Genl.

Washington, D. C.
April 19th 1867

Whetlesey, Henry JR.
Bvt Brig: Gen.
Chf Quartermaster

Bureau stores.

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War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, D.C., April 17 1867.

Capt Charles Bonyhaf
Agent
Little Rock Ark
Captain

Referring to your Accounts of Bureau Stores for the months of January and March 1867. Your attention is respectfully invited to the following remarks

Abstract 'D' for each month returned for correction. your attention is called to Para 16 Bureau Officii Manual, as your guide in making up this Abst.

Vouchers No. 1.2. & 3 Abst 'D' for January and Vouchers No. 1 & 2. Abst 'D' for March 1867. returned herewith for the approval of Asst Commr for State of Arkansas.

Very respectfully.
Your obedient Servant
Henry M. Whittlesey
Brvt Brig Genl. U.S.A.

Thro'
Bt Lt Col Henry Page
A.Q.M. & D.O.
Little Rock Ark

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
for Arkansas and Indian T.

April 22nd 1867.

- Dowell. Edw.

Surg. in - Chief

Enclosed blank contracts to
be signed.

Bureau of Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,

OFFICE OF SURGEON IN CHIEF.

April 22nd 1867

Sir

Herewith please find blank contracts to be signed by Dr. S. E. Bennett, who after having affixed a five cents revenue stamp to each, will return them to this Office.

I also enclose Special Orders No. 1 for Drs. Bennett & Ehle.

Very respty. your obdt. servt.

C. V. Lowell

A. Asst. Surg. USA.
Actg. Surg. in Chief
for Arkansas

Capt. Chas Banghaf
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Staunton Sep 14th 63

Sir.

Yours of the 14th Inst was
rec'd to day in compliance
with your instructions of the
13th I have this week over
to Dr Hoy the Hospital Stores
of the Mis Lutheran Hospital.
I notified you before closing
the Hospital that I should be
compelled to leave eight (8)
patients that could not bear
transportation. Dr Mears
agreed to remain in charge
of them until his orders could
be rec'd & then the patients
were to be left in charge of
an experienced Physician of
the place who kindly offered
to attend to them. I did
not deem it prudent to

Staunton Aug. 14th/63

receiving either to remain myself (after procuring proper Medical attention) or sending those another to do so. All the Stores except that was necessary for those eight Rooms have removed to this place.

Six (6) out of the eight nice die & the other two in consequence of the character of their wounds must necessarily be detained from for some time.

If the Enemy do not take possession of the Valley there will be no difficulty of bringing away the little Cash there.

I have instructed Dr. Thomas by Telegraph. of his orders

(Per Letter)

Surg. Wm. H. Carrington
Chief Inspector

Wm. F. Muldaur
Surg.

Little Rock, Ark. Apl. 22. 1867.	Circular Letter containing "extract" of Letter from Henry A. Brigg. of Jefferson City, Mo. wanting know the whereabouts of five colored children, Taken from their Homes by bushwhackers in August. 1864.
~~H~~ John Tyler A.A.A.G.	
Circular Letter	

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

Little Rock, Ark., April 22nd, 1867.

Circular Letter.

Sir,

I am instructed by the Assistant Commissioner to furnish you with the following extract from letter of Henry S. Bragg, of Jefferson City, Mo. dated April 9th 1867, with directions that you make every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of the children and report as soon as practicable whether the children can be found:-

"My object in addressing you is to restore some children to their parents. In August, 1864, five children, blacks of nearly ages, were taken by bushwhackers from their then owners, John Henly, living 16 miles from Jefferson City, Mo. They are supposed to have been taken to Arkansas. I give their names and approximate ages. They are well grown for their ages.

Girl Minnie about 14 or 15 years
" Lucy " 12 " 13 "
" Fannie " 11 " 12 "
Boy Spencer " 9 " 10 "
Tom, small boy, probably 5 to 7 years

The first fours children are sisters and brothes. Theis father's name is Coleman, a Blacks man oves fifty year of age, and fos a numbes of years emboyede as Porter of Mc Carty's Hotel in this Place. The boy Tom is nof of the same immediate family though taken from the same Place and some owned at the time. Coleman is a very worthy old man."

I am very respectfully
Yours Obdt Servt

Jno Tyler
1st Lieut 43rd U. S. Infantry
Actg Asst Adjt General

To

Capt Chas Banzhaf
Agent.
Fort Smith
Arkansas

NASA A99

Little Rock Ark
April 26th 1867

Lucky, How are we.



Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., April 24, 1867.

Capt Chas. Bauzhaf,
Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Ft Smith, Ark. -

Sir:

I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Dennison Howard and Miss Maggie Farrar. They come to engage in the work of teaching the colored people, and I send them to Ft. Smith assuring you that they are among the very best laborers that have reported to this office.

My wish is that Mr. Howard may occupy Ft. Smith, and that Miss Farrar go to Van Buren or occupy some plantation below.

Please render them as comfortable as circumstances will permit.

Respectfully Yours,

Wm H. Colby
Supt. Education

Little Rock, Ark
May 21, 1867

Wm. H. Colby
Supt. Education

In reference to school
matters.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., May 21, 1867.

Capt. E. G. Barker,
Agent, Ft. Smith, Ark.

Dr. Sir:

Rev. E. G. Compere, Bap. minister at or near Ft. Smith called at this Office yesterday, visited some of our colored Schools and conferred upon matters at Ft. Smith.

I think you will find him a reliable Southern man who will aid us in the School work. I understand he has charge of the Bapt. ch. there and is not disposed to have the school continued in the church if there are other school accommodations in the city. This will aid us in in getting rid of Thomas.

I think we shall succeed in securing a School Site from the Military reservation, but it might be well not to mention it, as we may fail. We are ready to proceed with the building.

Mr. Webb sends two sets of charts - for Howard & Miss S.

Very Respectfully,

Wm H. Colby.

L R 391. A.A.G. Ark. 1867

Ft Smith Ark
June 1. 1867
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Respectfully referred to
Capt Chas. Bangham. 3d
U.S.C. Fort Smith, Ark.
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C.H. Smith
Asst Commissioner.

John E. Smith
1st Lieut. 38th U.S. Infantry
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.
E. 267. 67

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Little Rock. Ark.
June 3. 1867.

Respectfully referred to Capt Chas. Bangham 3d U.S.C. Fort Smith, Ark. By command of Bvt Brig Genl C.H. Smith Asst Commissioner.

John E. Smith
1st Lieut. 38th U.S. Infantry
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.
E. 267. 67

Fort Smith June 1st 1864

Col Smith

Sir month since I received
from Fort Gibson a Lot of Freight
consigned to Capt Banzof for his particular
department he received them and after
very considerable hesitation refused to
pay the Freight on them until as he alleges
they are more particularly shipped or that
they were shipped to him without an
order or probably some other slight
quibble, I was advised by the Officer
commanding at Fort Gibson to write to
you as the Officer who shipped them
had left

Please advise me on the subject

M C Wells Clk
St Fort Smith

Washington June 11, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Gen. Henry W. Whittlesey
Chief Q. M.
[redacted] U. S. A.

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Clothing Accounts
for March rcd. ex.
and ford. to Genl. Meigs.
Q. M. Genl. U. S. Army

[Form 5.]

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 11th 1867.

Sir:

Your Monthly Accounts "~~Quartermaster's Stores and~~ Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department," for the month of March 1867, have been received, examined and forwarded to Bvt. Maj.-Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster-General U. S. Army.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen., and Chief Q.M.,
Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To Capt Chas Bamzhaf
Agent Bu R. F. and A. L.
Fort Smith Ark

Little Rock. Ark.
June 13, 1867

Col. Henry Page
A. A. G.

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Circular Letter

Relating Purchases
by Agents of the Bureau

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., June 13th, 1867.

Circular Letter

Sir

The attention of all Agents of this Bureau Making purchases under the provisions of Cir No dated office Asst Comr BRFAL Little Rock Ark's May 20th 1867 is called to the urgent necessity of promptness in the transmission of their purchase vouchers. All purchases must be made on the first of each month, the vouchers therefor accompanied by receipts for the property so purchased must be forwarded to this office on or before the 15th day of each month. to enable the officer accounting for the property to forward his returns within the time prescribed by law. Immediately upon their receipt Invoices will be returned.

Very respectfully

your Obt Servt

Thomas Ruger

Bvt Col & A.G.

Capt Chas Baughof

Asst Dist South Ark's

War Department
Washington, D.C.
May 27, 1867

Genl. Howard
Commissioner, R.F. & A. L.

Letter of Instruction

To

Col. C.H. Smith
Asst. Comm. R.F. & A. L
Little Rock, Ark

(Official Copy)

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen & Abandoned Lands

Washington D.C., May 28th 1867.

Col. C. H. Smith

Assistant Commissioner

Arkansas,

Colonel,

I am directed by Major General O. O. Howard Commissioner to call your attention to Circular No 11. Apr. 3rd 1867, and especially to the "instructions as to returns":

It is necessary that full and accurate reports be made promptly in accordance with those rules. The Commissioner will be required to furnish to Congress a detailed report of the expenditure of this Special Fund of $ 500,000. He will therefore hold the Assistant Commissioners to a strict account. Every Officer or Agent employed in distributing supplies should take receipts from persons relieved and forward copies of the same to this office. See Par. 3. of instructions as to returns, Circular 11,

Each Officer accountable for Comdy Stores purchased by this fund will make separate Property returns distinguishing them by the words Special Relief Fund

Money accounts of Disbursing Officers need not be kept distinct, but every estimate or draft on the Chief Disbursing Officer for any part of this fund should be defined in the same manner.

But very imperfect reports of the distribution of supplies in April have been made. You will please forward your report for that month at once. If no relief was furnished to the destitute out of the Special Relief Fund in April, you will report accordingly.

In each consolidated monthly report you will also give the number of white and the number of colored persons relieved, in separate columns.

Very respectfully
(Sgd) E. Whittlesey
A. A. Inspr. General.

Official copy respectfully furnished for the information and guidance of Wm. E. G. Barker Agent Fort Smith. The provisions of this letter will be strictly complied with.

By command of
Bvt Brigadier General C. C. Smith
Assistant Commissioner

Wm E G Barker
1st Lieut. 28th U.S. Infantry
Actg Asst. Adjt. General

Little Rock, Ark.
June 14th 1864

Ozark, Ark
June 15, 1867

Capt. Chas. O. Berry

Articles for

distribution,

ASSISTANT ASSESSOR'S OFFICE,

United States Internal Revenue,

5-K Division, 3rd District, Arkansas.

South Ozark Springs June 5 1867.

Sir

I just receivd your letter together with ~~circular~~ sent here for distribution in the Colony from the hands of Maj Franklin (Colored) I will see that they are properly distributed immediatly this is a God send for these people and rest assured that if I can be of any service to your office or them it is only necessary to commands me. I will forward receipts by mail at the earliest moment.

I am Sir

Respty &c

Chas E Berry

To

E. L. Baker

Agent Bureau R F & A L

Little Rock, Ark.
June 15, 1867

Wm. W. Colby
Supt. Education

School matters.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,
Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., June 15th 1867.

E. F. Borker,
Agent Bu. R. F. & A. L.
Ft. Smith, Ark.

Dr. Sir:

Thanks for your letter of June 6th (which is just received) and thanks for the interest you are manifesting in the Schools. Endorsement on reports herewith inclosed explains itself.

Be so kind as to secure reports from teachers hereafter by the 25th, or between the 21st & 27th of the month - Gen. contemplates issuing a Circular requiring this. You can explain to teachers that they can make up averages &c. at that time as well as later.

Each night School requires a separate line in blank the same as day School.

My report for may will show over 1800 in week-day Schools and more than 2000 in Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully, and truly Yours,
Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education

Sent to Ft. Smith July 20 '67
6 consolidated and 12 teachers
School report blanks. I send
more to-day — Wm. M. C.

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War Dept.
Washington
June 18, 1867

Transmitting
Circular No. 20. 1867

Henry W. Whittlesey
Bt. Brig. Genl. & Chief D. W.

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[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, June 18th 1867.

Captain:

I have the honor to transmit herewith

~~copies each of General Orders, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos.~~

Also, one copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos. 24. 1867

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Bvt. Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A. L.

To Capt Chas Banzhaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark

U. S. Genl's. Office
Washington D.C.
June 18. 1867

Alex. S. Perry
Bvt. Brig. Genl
and D. M. U.S.A.

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Clothing Return received and examined and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

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☞ Officers answering communications from the Quartermaster General's Office, will give the dates of the letters to which they are replying.

They will also address letters on official business with the office, to the QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

Quartermaster General's Office,

Division of Clothing and Equipage,

Washington City, D. C.,

June 18th, 1867.

Sir.

Your Return of Clothing ~~and Camp and Garrison Equipage~~

rendered at Agent Bureau R. F. Ed A. L.
for the month of March 1867.

has been received and examined at this Office, and sent to the Second Auditor of the Treasury for settlement.

Very Respectfully Your obt Servant
By Order of the Quartermaster General
H. C. T. Perry
Brevet Brig General
and Quartermaster U.S.A.

To
Capt Chas Bauzhof
5th Regt V. R. C.
Fort Smith Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.
June 21, 1867

Henry Page,
Bvt. Col. & A. A. G.

With reference to the burial
of deceased Sol. & Frd.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., June 2nd, 1867.

E. F. Barker

Agent at Fort Smith Ark.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your communication regarding the burial of deceased freedpeople, you are hereby directed to make arrangements with an Undertaker, or some other suitable person, for the burial of such persons as you may find it necessary to be buried by the Bureau. You will allow a reasonable compensation for such services, and make vouchers, Form 32, at the end of each month and forward to this office. The prices paid here, are $3.50/100 for each grown person with a reasonable reduction for children, the Bureau furnishing the necessary coffins.

You will please see the Post Quartermaster and purchase from him in my name by the 15th of each month a sufficient number of coffins to last until the end of the month for which I will pay him the cost in accordance with order authorizing purchases of this nature, If he be unable to supply you notify me at once and I will ship them

from here, if you can find store room for them

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Wm Dye
Bvt Col U.S.A.

Little Rock, Ark.
June 22, 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl. B.R.F. & A.L.

Monthly report of rations
from 66. Bureau Indianal — not
received — required

Answered
Immediately

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

\# 114 Little Rock, Ark., January 22nd, 1867.

Bvt E. G. Parker,

Agent,

Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that your monthly report of rations issued to Refugees and Freedmen (Form 66 Bureau Manual) for the month of May 1866, has not yet been received at this office. You will please forward the same without further delay.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

Jno. A. Smith

1st Lieut. 28th U. S. Infantry,

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

State of Arkansas
County of Sebastian } SS
District of Ft Smith

Personally appeared before me John L Spradlin Clerk of the Circuit Court, ~~County Prosecuting Attorney~~ Thelton Watson who being duly sworn to tell the truth to upon his oath deposeth and says that

On or about the 22 of June 1864 I was walking along the road near the Arkansas line in Johnson county Arkansas a short distance from Mr Hill's the Sheriff of Johnson county - his camp, when he, they, ~~me~~ Lucien Walton, Perry Allen and wife Henry Allen, Anderson Allen and Charles Allen, Orville Gray and William Connelly rode past us and went a short distance and turned back meeting us. not far from a big oak that was by the road through which they, Gray and Connelly drew their Revolvers and rode one on each side of me cocked them and pointed them at me and asked me where I got that Pistol, I answered I bought it and said by my own money, I

(over)

they then told me to put it off
I told them that I did not know that
any one had anything to do with my
Pistol. One of them pointed his pistol
in my face and the other one
stood at my back and they said
if I don't put it off I will
blow your damned brains out
& then took it off myself and
it to them. And they took off
carrying to Pistol and then they said
that if I ever said anything
about it they would blow my
damned brains out. The Pistol is worth twenty dollars

Being afraid to go myself
I sent my wife to report to
Capt. Gee & Sheriff this the next
day which she did. I feeling that
it would not be safe for me
to remain in that County any longer
took a start and came to East
Tennessee

his
Shelton X Watson
mark

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this ~~day and~~ 3 days of month day
of August A.D. 1865. In testimony
whereof I Johnston Spradling Clerk of the Circuit
Court of Sullivan County, East Tennessee, have
hereunto set my hand and affixed
my private seal, said Court having
no seal prescribed by law.
Johnston Spradling Clerk
By Samuel Bennett D.C.

State of Arkansas }
County of Sebastian } SS
District of Ft Smith }

, Personally appeared
before me, John L Wadlin, Clerk of the Circuit Court
State and county aforesaid Isabell Watson who
being duly sworn the truth to speak
deposeth and says that;
On or about the 25th of June 1864
I was walking along the road,
near the Arkansas River in Johnson
county Arkansas, a short distance from
Mr. Hill Sheriff of Johnson county,
in company with my husband Skelton
Watson Martha Allen Aubrey Allen
Henry Allen, Jerry M. Allen and Charley
Allen; Cuild Gray and William Connelley.
rode past us and went a little
ways and then turned and came
back meeting us near the big gate
that we had to go through to go home by
(Cuild Gray and William Connelley) drew their Revolvers
and ordered them sitting on each
side of my husband Skelton Watson, pointing their
Revolvers at him asked him where he got
Pistol? Skelton answered I paid my money for it
they then demanded and forced him to give up
the Pistol & then telling him if he said any
(any)

thing about it we will blow your damned brains out they then walk off carrying the Pistol with them

There were Gray and Campbelley (his assistant) were at that time working for Hill and Steel been for sometime

On the next day, or about the 24th of June 1867, my husband being afraid to go himself sent me to report the case to Sheriff Hill which I did and Hill remarked he was glad that I had told him about it and to go on and say nothing more about it he would get the Pistol and send it to me, That same night after I had been to see the Sheriff my husband became dissatisfied and learned that he would be killed if he remained so he took a boat to go to Fort Smith Arkansas, the next day (25th of June) I saw Mrs Hill and gave the Pistol to Mrs Rogers & give to me

her
Rachell X Hall
mark

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 9th day of August A.D. 1867
In testimony whereof I John L. Stradley Clerk of
the Circuit Court of Sebastian County, Arkansas, as
such Clerk have hereunto set my hand and affixed
my private seal said Court having no seal fixed
by law

John L. Stradley Clerk
By James G. Bennett D.C.

Little Rock, Ark.
June 28, 1867

J. B. Webb

Reports, Blanks etc.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
Office of Superintendent of Education,
Little Rock, Ark., June 28 1867.

Lieut Barker

Yours of 20th enclosing Reports duly rec'd. You need not send teachers reports, file them in your office and forward only "Consolidated" report adding to it such remarks & financial items as would be of intrest at this office, usually this latter suggestion is very much neglected by Bu. Agts

There were forwarded to your office July 22. 12 Teachers and 6 Consolidated reports.

I forward however 4 teachers reports additional All will at the "Home"

Truly Yours,
J. B. Neely

Little Rock, Ark.

June 24th 1867.

Genl —

Page, Henry

Bvt Colonel and A. Q. M.

Relating for vouchers in favor of H. E. McKee & Co. for Farming Implements.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Ft Smith Ark June 29/67

Respectfully returned with the information that the Vouchers spoken of were not enclosed

Pleas enclose the Vouchers and forward and the business will be promptly attended to as directed

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
E. P. Barker
Agent

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE

Little Rock, Ark. July 1st 1867

Respectfully returned,

Vouchers enclosed,

Henry Page

E. 333. 67. Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., June 24th, 1867.

Capt E. G. Barker

Agent B R A R A K

Fort Smith Ark's.

Capt.

Enclosed please find vouchers in favor of H. E. McKee also for Farming Implements. You will please procure their signature to the same & return to this office. You will also forward receipts of the parties to whom such implements have been given, or, in the absence of such receipts your affidavit as to the disposition which has been made of the articles, to enable me to properly account to Gen'l Howard for the money expended in their purchase.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Henry Page

Bvt Lieut & A.A.G.M.

Ozark Ark
June 30, 1867

Chas. E. Berry

In reference to articles sent to the colony for distribution.

Box 783

United States Internal Revenue.

Assistant Assessor's Office, 3d District Arkansas.

South Ozark June 30th 1867

Capt E. L. Baker
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Sir

Agreeable to your instructions in regard to the Articles sent to the Colony for distribution - I have issued thirteen set and have on hand five sets with exceptions of Two Collars Two bridles and one Rope, that some one has borrowed for their own use without Counsel or advice - I will await your instructions concerning those on hand before I forward receipts. The persons to whom I should have issued the remaining five - two have left the country and three that are doing nothing towards farming or work and I thought proper to ask your advice - there are others here that are trying hard to make their way through and need help - they are badly in want of Provisions.

Truly Yours

Chas E. Berry

Monthly Report

Distributive Discharged Soldiers

"Colored"

and their families

who have been treated in

Post Hospital Ft. Smith

District of Arkansas

For the Month ending

June 30 1867

Miller, Thos. H.

1 Kan. Batt. Cav'd,

Indep. Batty. Cal'y,

Treated, Chills, aug. 27/67

Monthly Report of destitute Discharged Soldiers and their families who have been treated in Refugees and Freedmens Hospital at Fort Smith Ark. District of Arkansas Dept. Ind. Ter.

For the month ending June 30. 1867.

No	Name of Patient	age	Relation to Soldier	Name of Soldier	Rank	Co	Regt	Free or Slave	Enlisted when	Enlisted where	Remarks
	~~Wm H Miller~~ William H. Miller	20			Privt	Battery		Black	Dec 1864	Leavenworth	Belonged to 1st Kansas Battery Commanded by Capt Douglas. in destitute Circumstances

I Certify on honor that this report is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief

D. G. Bennett
Asst Surg U.S.A
In Charge of Hospital

Little Rock Ark.
July 1, 1867

Jno. E. Bennett
Bvt. Brig. Genl. A.A.A. Genl

Asst. Comr. Requires
Report of Provisions
distributed to whom &c

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER,

128. Little Rock, Ark., July 1st, 1867.

Maj E. G. Parker,

Agent,

Fort Smith Ark,

Sir.

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you forward to this office without delay the following reports, viz:—

The amount of provisions received for distribution to destitute persons as provided by Circular No. 11. War Department, Bureau R. F. & A. L. during the month of May.

The number of Adults (white) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Children (white) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Adults (Colored) issued to during the month of May.

The number of Children (Colored) issued to during the month of May.

The whole number of persons issued to during

the month of May.

The gross amount issued during the month of May, and

The amount on hand June 1. 1864

You will also make the same reports on separate sheets for the month of June reporting the amount on hand per last report, as the starting point.

These reports must be full and explicit and be forwarded without delay.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.

Jno O'Donnell
1st Lieus. 28th & 26 U.S. Infantry.
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE

Little Rock, Ark. July 3, 1867

Respectfully forwarded.

Asst Adjt Gen
Fort Smith Ark.

C.

Army Page

E 341. 69. Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M.

Washington. June 22" 1867

Howard, O. O.

Commissioner

Relative to Property Accts.

[Form 19.]

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER

Washington, June 22nd 1864.

Sir:

Your Property Accounts for the months of January and February 1864 ~~transmitted to the Quartermasters General's Office~~ as of property pertaining to the Q. M. ~~Department~~, ~~that Department has been forwarded from the Quartermasters General's Office to the Commissioner of this Bureau~~ have been received at this office

You are directed to inform this office without delay whether the accounts above referred to ~~are~~ of property belonging to the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. A., or to the Bureau R., F., and A. L.

If the accounts ~~are~~ of property belonging to the Q. M. Department, U. S. A., a triplicate copy of the returns as provided by Par. 2, Article 2. Bureau Officer's Manual is required.

NOTE.—Reply to be marked L. B., Vol. 4, page 95, and addressed to Major-General O. O. HOWARD, Commissioner—Envelope marked in margin "For Chief Q.M."

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Brev. Brig.-Gen., and Chief Q.M., Bureau R., F., & A.L.

To Capt Chas Banzhaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark

Through Lt Col Henry Page
Asst Qr Mr U.S.A.
Little Rock Ark

Copy.

I do not deem it necessary to send books for air ships again

If this nature, unless your State Dept or an absolutely necessary The particulars of your person, Further = More I am not instructed to furnish the necessary temporary = ary for the Freedmens Bureau. It should come out of the necessary expenses of the State Dept.

Ltr R. 654. A.G. Apr 1867

7th Instt.
July 9th 67

Dept. Ltr
Dec 2d 1867

Freedmen Bureau A Asst
Ft Smith Ark July 8th 1867

Col Fairs
Comd-g Post
Ft Smith Ark

Sir

I respectfully state that a Colored man who lives South of this and cultivating land in partnership with others makes complaint at this office that he has been driven away from his crop and house by violence and threats of two of the men and that they will not allow him to return

I think it necessary to investigate the case and would most respectfully request two mounted Soldiers with one days rations and a horse to ride. that I may be able to learn the fact in the case, I would like to start this morning

Also please give such instructions as you may think necessary in the case

I have the honor to be very Respfly
Your Obt Servt
E G Barker
Agent

Little Rock, Ark.
July 5th 1867

Henry Page
Bvt. Col. U.S.A.

In Reply to your letter of yesterday I would respectfully state that I have no provisions on hand for distribution.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., July 8th, 1867.

E. G. Barker

Agent &c Fort Smith Ark's

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you, that the supplies now on hand for issue to the destitute, are all that will be purchased, as at present no further expenditures for the relief of the destitute are authorized

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

O. Abbey

Bvt Col & A.G.M.

Little Rock, Ark.
July 9. 1867

Bt. Col. Henry Page
A.A.G.M.

Transmits Pk. for
June vouchers

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., July 9th, 1867.

E. G. Parker.

Asst R F & A L.

Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

Inclosed herewith I hand you check for $220.17/100 payable to your order in payment of the following vouchers. Viz.

Joe Smith	Services as Sexton June	$18.00
H H Bailey	Rent of Office "	20
J A Hammonds	Services as Clerk "	99.17
Anton Heis	Rent of Hospl "	60
H Williams	Services as Messenger.	20
Fuller & McKibben	Purchase of a Hat Tag	3

Very respectfully

Your ob't

Henry B. Page

Ass't Com'r

War Dept.
Washington
July 9. 1867

Henry W. Whittlesey
Bvt. Brig. Genl. & Chief D. M.

to

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Transmitting
Circular Letter
from Comr. dated June 27
1867
Also Circular No. 21. 1867

[Form 9.]

War Department,

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,

Washington, July 9 1867.

Captain

I have the honor to transmit herewith One Circular Letter copies each of ~~General Orders~~, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., ~~Nos.~~ dated June 27, 1867

Also, One copies each of Circulars, Commissioner Bureau R., F., and A. L., Nos. 21, 1867

the receipt of which you will promptly acknowledge, by signing and returning the accompanying letter.

You will be held responsible for the distribution of Orders to officers serving under your direction.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Brevet Brig.-Gen. and Chief Q. M.,
Bureau R., F., and A. L.

To Capt Chas Bauzhaf
Supt
Fort Smith, Ark

L.R. 654. ASG, Ark., 1867

Fort Smith Ark.
July 9. 1867.

C

Barnes. E. G.
Agent.

Encloses letter to Lieut Col Jones with his endorsement thereon in reference to furnishing the Agent with military aid and transportation in investigating cases of outrage on freedmen. Asks instructions

1 Enclosure.

Bureau R. F. and A. L.
Ft Arkansas.
Little Rock, Ark.
July 22nd, 1867.

Respectfully returned to Mr. E. G. Barnes, Agent. Whenever, from the proper discharge of the duties of your office, you require troops for personal protection, or to enable you to arrest offenders you will call upon the Post Commander for an adequate force to ensure your protection and to arrest all such offenders. If your application for troops is not granted by said Post Commander, you will report the case to this office.

If the duties of your office require a horse for temporary duty you will hire one, reporting the urgency of the case to this office, when an order will be issued, enabling you to get commutation for said horse. See Officers Manual. P. 28, E.

By command of

(over)

By Brig. Genl. C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner.

J. M. C. Smith
Actg. Asst. Adjt. Genl

E. 348. 67.

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 9th 1867

Bvt. Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett
A.A.A.Genl. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock Ark.

Sir?

I have the honor to state that when Freedmen have come to this office complaining of outrages &c. I have had them make affidavits of the facts before a civil officer, and made that the base of action. The last case of that kind was where a Cherokee Indian near here had illegally taken a horse from a colored man. I referred it to Col. Jones, and asked him to take action in the case. He did so, but the colored man did not come forward to show wherein he had been wronged, as he was instructed to do, so Col. Jones informed me that in the future he would not take any action on the Freedmens affidavits, but would require that we should thoroughly investigate the cases first, which requirement I would gladly comply with, but by the enclosed note, and endorsement by Col. Jones, you will readily see the necessity of having definite instructions in such cases.

To insure proper respect, safety and justice, it is frequently necessary to have some soldiers

out among this rough class, who get up these troubles. It is also necessary for the Agent to have a horse, on such occasions, and I do not know of any authority for hiring, even if horses could be had.

These cases are not very numerous and, in nearly every instance, can finally get the matter adjusted by civil authority, but often requires considerable preliminary work to get the case up. Freedmen being ignorant, as regards the Law, and so very poor that they cannot hire an attorney, they naturally look to this office for such help.

Col. Jones, has allways been very kind and ready to help us, when we have found it necessary to call on him, and doubtless takes this step with a hope to draw out more definite instructions from Genl Smith, Commander of the Sub Dist. of Ark.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E. G. Barker.
Agent B. R. F. & A. L.

Clarksville, Tenn.

July 11th 1866

Cornelius Johnson

Write to procure Colonel
Stephenson's services as an
Attorney in the case in
which Within named
persons are interested

Clarksville Ark July 11. 1867

Col. W. L. Stephenson

Dear Sir.

My Object in writing to you, is to procure your services as our Attorney, in which Orville Gray and William Connelley are interested. I will state the circumstances to you exactly as they are. Some two or three weeks ago two Boys, unthoughtedly disarmed a Freedman named Sheldon Watson of a Pistol. They carried the Pistol to Mr Hill and told him to carry it back to him on the next day. In the mean time Watsons wife saw Hill and told him not to give the Pistol to her husband that it was hers and to let her have it. Hill then sent her the Pistol and I presume she has it now. Watson left for Lt. Smith and reported the case to Capt Barker of the Freedmans Bureau and Lt Appleton from Dover came up a day or two ago and investigated the matter. The Boys hearing that Lt. A was coming got scared and I have not seen them since.

I am satisfied that they took the Pistol away, but I am equally satisfied that they did not intend doing wrong. Watson went to Lt. Smith and made affidavit that he had been cheated on the Sheriff of the County and that he owed him nothing in the premises. That was not so as the witnesses

all testify that he did. his wife who is now in Ft. Smith with her husband will tell you that he never called on any one, if he had have made complaints they would have been taken before a justice of the Peace and bound over to court. These Boys have been at work side by side with a number of freedmen in the Cotton field all the season and I suppose if there are some 25 or 30 freedmen in that Bottom, that will certify that they have been treated by these Boys with respect and that if they were imposed on, that the Boys would defend them.

This man Shelton Walker (freedman) and wife are now in your City, and Col I wish you to see them and talk to them and also to Capt Bowers Agent of Freedmans Bureau and try and get the matter settled. the Boys are gone scared to death, and I am needing their work in the fields - If Walker had have come to me and if I could not have satisfied him that those Boys meant no crime I would have sent with him to a justice of the peace and had him bound over to court. I am ready at any time to enter into Bond for their appearance at Circuit Court.

Col I wish you to attend to this matter right away. I don't want you to attend to it for nothing I am willing to pay you, I care not how easy you may get them with it will not lessen the obligation, I am very anxious to get them back to work. but there are always some persons to tell them not to come about if I could come across them I would bring them up to Ft. Smith. let me hear from you by first mail down.

I think if you will see this man Walker that when he has taken the sober second thought that he will drop it as those Boys never intended any harm. - They done wrong and they ought to have been paddled for it.

Very respectfully
Your obt servant
John G. Connelly

Little Rock Ark
July. 15. 1867

Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education

Refers to Vouchers of
Mr. Howard and Miles
Porter. Teachers – Also to
Genl. Howards Circular
No 2. A. G. O. which prohibits
payment of such accounts.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
Office of Superintendent of Education,

Little Rock, Ark., July 15, 1867.

E. S. Barker, Agent,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir:

I regret to say that Mr. D. Howard's and Miss Lamar's vouchers reached me the same day with Gen. Howard's Circular 22, A.G., which prohibits the payment of all accounts of that nature.

There is perhaps a bare possibility that they may be specially approved at some future time, but it is safer to assume that they will not be.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient Servt,
Wm. M. Colby
Supt. Education.

Little Rock Ark.
July 16, 1867

Jno. E. Bennett
Bvt. Brig. Genl. A.A.A. Genl.

Asst. Surgr. requires monthly report of men, women, sick & rations issued to Hospital B.R.L.R.A.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

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OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., July 16th, 1867.

Mrs E. J. Barkes.

Agent.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir,

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you ascertain from the A.A. Surgeon in charge of the Hospital at Fort Smith the number of men, women and male and female children in said Hospital and the number of rations issued to them during the month of June and report the same without delay to this office on form 66 Bureau Manual, a supply of which blanks is this day mailed to your address. You will thereafter forward a similar report at the end of each month.

I am very respectfully,

Your Obt Servt.

W. E. Strong

Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

Little Rock Ark.
July 16. 1867

Henry Prge
Bvt. Col. & A.Q.M.

Requires List of Q.M.
Stores - condition &c.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

~~Little~~ Rock, Ark., July 16, 1867.

E G Barker
Asst B R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark.

You will forward to this office at your earliest convenience a list of Quartermasters Stores on hand in your office on the 30th June 1867. showing the condition of the several articles whether serviceable or unserviceable or worthless. also such as are no longer required for use in this Bureau.

Very respectfully
Henry Page
Bvt Col & A A G

Little Rock, Ark.
July 17. 1867

Henry Page
Lt. Col. 1st A.L.M.

Voucher of Saml. Walters retaind for the approval of the Asst. Comr.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., July 17th, 1867.

E. G. Barker Esq

Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Fort Smith Ark's.

Sir.

You are respectfully informed that the voucher of Samuel Walters for $10.00 for repairs on School house at Fort Smith Ark's, is retained until such time as the assistant commissioner authorizes the expenditure, You will please report the necessity of the expenditure and I will endeavor to procure the approval of the asst Comm'r, to the account. Expenses of this nature will not in future be incurred until proper authority is given.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Henry Page

Bvt Lieut Col & A.A.G.

Clarksville Ark.
July 19th 1868

Friend Stephenson

Out of the most
brutal murders & over head of
Occurd here Yestrdy about eight
Oclock in the Morning Within half
Mile of town on the Shadra
Road The Victim was a old
Barber by name of Taylor Jones
The Murders are Still at large
Their a Coroners Jury Making
enquiry and dont think they
will accomplish any thing
I would like to have You report
the Matter to the Military &
ask them to do Some thing for
us. We are tired of Making
reports to be Sent back to
the County officers They will Do as
Report to parties Who Commit
the outrages As was done
last Winter
Please attend to this for Your
friends here & dont Expect any name

Yours Truly
Geo. W. Clark
Capt. Co. A. 1st Cavalry Ark. Vol.

Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
July 19. 1867.

Respectfully referred to Bvt.
Brig. Genl. Jno. E. Bennett, A.A.A.
Genl., Little Rock, Ark.,
for his information.

E. B. Baker

E. 37 3.67 Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

Letter of [illegible]
Lands Dated July 19th 1867. By Genl.
Recording to Circular
Genl. Office Bureau, Commissioner
Little Rock, Ark.

Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.
July 18, 1867.

E.G. Barker, Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L., refers to General Orders, No. 16, Hd. Qrs. 4th Military Dist. Vicksburg, Miss. June 29, 1867, and Circular, No. 13. Asst. Comr's Office, Little Rock, Ark. July 2, 1867, making it the duty of Agents of the Bureau to instruct freedmen about registering - Asks the Post Commander to furnish a horse to enable him to perform the required duties

L. R. 770, A.G., Ark.

Headquarters Ft Smith
July 18. 1867.

Respectfully returned.
Capt. Barker will please furnish a copy of circular letter of June 27. 1867, of General O.O. Howard, Commissioner, for the information of the Commanding Officer of the Post.

W.G. Lattimore
Capt. 19th Infantry.
Comdg Post.

E. 372, 67

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark
July 18, 1867

Respectfully returned, with the indorsement that the enclosed order requires me to do work, which I am unable to do without a horse, and that I have at present no other means of obtaining one except by the Post Commander and therefore request that one be furnished.

I wish to go out this afternoon.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E.G. Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

E. 373, 67

Headquarters Fort Smith, Ark.
July 18. 1867.

Respectfully returned. The Commanding Officer feels that had he the authority to order the transportation as requested he would cheerfully do so, but in the absence of any authority on the subject is compelled to decline to furnish the same.

W.G. Lattimore
Capt. 19th U.S. Infantry.
Comdg Post.

E. 372, 67

AUG 2 1867

Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 18. 1867

Commander of the Post
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir.

I have the honor to state that Genral Orders, No. 16. dated Hd. Qrs. 4th Military Dist. Vicksburg. Miss. June 29. 1867. and Circular 13. of July 2nd, issued by Genl. Smith, Asst. Commissioner Bureau R.F. & A.L. for the State of Ark., requires me, as Bureau Agent, to visit plantations and neighborhoods in my Dist. for the purpose of instructing Freedmen in their rights as citizens, acting in harmony with and assisting Registering Officers in preparing for the reconstruction of the State

I would further represent that transportation and forage for Agents on such duty, should not be furnished by the Bureau, according to Circular Letter of June 27th 1867. by Genl. O.O. Howard, Commissioner. Therefor I would most respectfully request that you furnish me a riding horse, with two days rations of Forage, to start out on the above named duty. to day at 12½ O'clock P.M.

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
E.G. Baker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

P.S.
Forage cannot be had in the country.

NARA 769

LR 770. ORC. Ark., 1867

Fort Smith Ark
July 19, 1867.

B — Brig 2 —

Barker, E. G. Agent.

Refers his letter to the Post Commandant, with endorsements, requesting a horse and forage for it, to enable him to comply with Circular No 13. directing Agents to instruct freedmen about registration.

Inclosures (1 Enclosure)

ARK. & IND. AUG 2 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Dep Arkansas
Littlerock. Ark
Aug 2, 1867.

Respectfully returned to E. G. Barker, Agent. with the information that a horse will be furnished him to feed for his own use
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. A. Smith
Asst Commissioner.

Jno. E. Smith
Actg Asst Adj't Genl

E. 373, 67.

Capt. Chas. E. Berry
Complains of
Sandy Maddison

South Ozark. Ark.

July 20th 1867.

United States Internal Revenue,

Assistant Assessor's Office, 3d District Arkansas.

South Ozark Ark. July 24 1867

Capt- Barker

Agent- Bureau- F. & A. L

Dear Sir

I would respect-fully call your attention to a disagree-ment- between myself and hired parties on my farm- as there were no papers drawn it will call for your decision- the case is truthfully this- in last- September (1866) I hired Sandy Madison. Emily Madison and two Children- (as two persons) I was to give Emily. eight- dollars per Month for One year payable when convenient= during the time or positively at the expiration of time of service. Sandy &- was the same- excepting the amt- per Month- this includes the two Children= in last- December- during my absence from the farm- he hired one of his Children (a second party-) without advice of any one connected with my farm- some few days ago. they all left= for that reason

they were very quarrelsome - and it was a hard matter for me to keep other parties hired on their account - they finding some way to bring about a dispute - and then ending by the parties seeking some other place to work. the morning of their departure - he (Sandy) whispered a colored Boy in my Employ - I interfered - and told him the next one he interfered with - unless in self defence - I would use him very rough - (this was my language & a word) he replied he would leave - and I told him the sooner the better - after considerable words between himself and Emily they left - She did not want to go - I think he compelled her - this is the whole matter - he threatens me with your displeasure - they left me - when I needed their services the most I did not pay them a farthing at time of leaving - and thought I should now use my own convenience in paying them, if it all. I do not desire - to do wrong in the case

United States Internal Revenue,

Assistant Assessor's Office, 3d District Arkansas.

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or liable to the Law- please advise me- as your advice will be all sufficient=
I am prepared to verify every word I have written- hoping you will return answer by bearer of this-

I am Sir
Respt &c
Chas C Berry

Gen Hospital
Bermuda Hundred July 25, 64

Sir -

I have the honor to report that
this afternoon - the dawn of last
night - & to day a very large number
of the Sick & Wd from Butlers line arrived
I suppose from the numbers that have
been sent & what has passed on in
wagon trains - that the front must is
clear & that the greater portion that
can bear transportation have been
removed from Waites Ter - The
following Med Officers have reported
to me for temporary duty & have been
assigned to wards - Brig Surg Taylor -
Walker - and Newton & Asst Surg Parker -
Surg Mecan & Asst Surg Nelson reported
yesterday - . I was somewhat prepared
as first - to accomodate the men but
the Sanitary Commitee from Richmond
came to my rescue & we soon had the
comfort to be served - No Commissary
has even reported here yet - but -
I secured some beef cattle from a
Drove this morning - & my Subsistence &
Commissary Stores have reached
me to night - The want of

Capt Hall
Asst Adjt Gen
Hd Qrs

NARA 275

Cooking Stoves & ambulances per Quartermaster
Steel. but every man that has served
has been well fed & cared for—
The Ladies of the place are rendering
invaluable services. In regard to
Hospital attendants I can for the
present detail sufficient to answer
any purposes — & from the probability in
which the are evacuating this Valley
I would not deem it necessary to
forward any more here — as this
place must soon be closed — if the
Rebel army is driven out—
I am giving my men
plenty of good beef — beef & c
& every attention possible under
the circumstances —
I write with
pain more in pain than
am not for much purpose

Rec'd Jan 5
1863

Surg. Wm A Carrington
Med Director

Rich'd Jas
Pr. Quartermaster
Dept

File

Little Rock, Ark.
July 25, 1863

Gen. E. Kirby Smith
Dept. Brig. Genl. C.S.A. Com.

Report called for on the 16th inst. not received — required, without delay. — promptness necessary

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

#159.

Little Rock, Ark., July 29th, 1867.

Maj. E. G. Parkes.

Agent.

Fort Smith. Ark.

Sir -

I am directed by the Assistant Commissioner to inform you that the report called for in letter from this office dated the 16th inst. has not yet been received, and to direct that you forward the same without delay. Promptness in forwarding reports called for is a very necessary qualification of an efficient Agent, and the business of this office must not be delayed by the culpable neglect of one Agent to comply promptly with instructions.

I am, very respectfully,

Your Obdt. Servt.

Jno. C. Smith

Actg. Asst Adjt. Genl

Fort Smith, Ark.,

July 31st 1867

D — Ltr 8th —

Barker, W. G.

Agent Bureau R. F. & L.

Relative to Reports for the months of June and July 1867.

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BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

EB#62. FOR ARKANSAS. 1867.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark. aug 5th 1867

Respectfully returned for correction. Your attention is invited to Cir 7. C. S. Office asst Insp Gen for Ark's and also to circular letter from this office dated June 13th 1867. I have retained the purchase vouchers and forwards in lieu invoices for the Dis'ed purchases

Thos. J. Page

Disby Officer for Ark's

Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M.

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Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. July 31st 1867

Col Henry Page
A.A.G.M. U.S.R.F. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith R.E. and M.E. returns for the month of June and July 1867. I would have forwarded the former papers at the proper time but was waiting every day in hopes that it would enable me to send back the papers with the [illegible] but not having received [illegible] I am unable to do [illegible] I have the honor to be very respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

E G Barker
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Sang Heard
Dorcus Brown Widow
Daniel Dawson
Burb Elerton
Julius Colby
Riley Anderson
Henry Stocks
Alfred Laster
Shedric Laster
E. C. Powell
Miles Thomas
Dudly Thomas
Richmond Woods
Westley Mapp
Wilson Jones
Alfred Parker
Dudly Elerton
Hetty Jones Widow
Ilen Foster
Nelly Colby
Steven Brown
Ec Daniels
Miles Thomas
Milag Daniels
Henry Rowland
Terry Rowland
George Colby

James Elerton
Myles Ashly
Daniel Lane
Peter Elerton
Elisha Elerton
Armbus Elerton
George Turner
Frank Turner
Thomas Ray
William Freeman
Dansis Risby
Shadrack Sanders
Jery Sanders
Abram Green
Jery Green
Hazaria Woods
Smith Rowland
Jesse Claway
Washington Harris
Radford McQuiter
George Laurance
Philip Porter
Lee Benjamin
Spencer Benjamin
Milly Malone Widow
Rebeca Malone Widow

Benezet Irons
Harriet Lastor Widow
Newton Long
Adaline Clark Widow
Augustus Porter
Beman Peak
Frank Jackson
Alfred Weaver
John Cunnigun
David Junkings
Alexander Mason
Alexander Mattox
Sandy D. Thomas
Clide Archie D. Campbell
Chatmen Colby
Anderson Evens

Simon Horton
Esiès Horton
Henry Mossay
Samuel Colby
Richard Huggings
Nansy Negy
Alfred Weaver
Hardy Weaver
Robert Weaver
Felix Weaver

Patrick Park
Stafford Davis
Newman Colby
Isaac Colby
Terry King
Henry Landers
Cain Champeon
Henry Grisam
Aaron Sanders
Sam Sander sr
Sam Sander Jr
Henry Sanders

Committee of Land Inspectors

Abram Colby

Richmond F Robinson

George Sanders

Arnold Hall

Thomas Parrot

Marshal Alexander

Brient Alexander

Henry Kember

James young

Oscar Colby

John H Washington

Green Young

Henry Armer

Foldon Armer

Maria Hutcherson Widow

Thomas Armer

William Cunnigum Sen

Anderson Lundy

George Mosley

Sam Winfield

William Sims

Thomas W. Burk

George Sanford

Sterling Armer

Lee Foster

Fash Grimes

Felip Senders

Emanuel Jenkings

Spencer Brisco

Red Gill

Aaron Mitchell		
Dennis Butler	Erly	Paid $ 5.00
Henry Crutchfield		Paid $ 5.00
Sam Wallis		Paid $ 5.00
Samuel Thomas		Paid $ 5.00
Stephen Brown		Paid $ 5.00
John Thomas		Paid $ 5.00
Phillis Barnet	Widow	Paid $ 5.00
R. F. Johnson		Paid $ 5.00
L. Johnson		Paid $ 5.00
Edward Grissom		Paid $ 5.00
Belind Jones	Widow	Paid $ 5.00
Jery Parks		Paid $ 5.00
Mary Spencer	Widow	Paid $ 5.00
Alexander Alexander		Paid $ 5.00
Mat Hutcherson		Paid $ 5.00
Jack Heard		Paid $ 5.00
Henry Porter		Paid $ 5.00
Henry Pennelton		Paid $ 5.00
George Sanders		
Harriet James		
Isaiah Cunnigun		
Anderson Cunnigun		
William Cunnigun		
William Swann		
Miles Cunnigun		
Sawney Butler		

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Little Rock Ark
Aug. 5. 1867.

Henry Page
A.A.G.

Transmitting July 1866 vouchers
of J.A. Hambursky for
Signature

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 5th, 1867.

Col Pinckney Engenbeck
Bureau A. F. and A. L.,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

J. A Hammerly 99.07

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Henry Page
Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark
Aug. 7. 1867

Col. Page

Transmits Check for
A. Spring

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., June 7, 1867.

E. G. Banker

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 626 on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for Twenty eight dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

H. Spring purchase of 2 Cords of wood during months of June & July. @ (2. rouleau)

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant,

Henry Page

Lieut Colonel

~~Brt. Colonel and A. D. C.~~

Head Quarters,
Fort Smith, Ark.
August 7th 1867.

Lufe, J. G.
2nd Lieutenant &c.

Relative to disturbances at
Clarksville, Ark,

(Copy)

Yours Truly
Geo. Lieut & Adjt. 19th U.S. Inf.
Post Adjutant.

Headquarters Fort Smith Ark.
August 7th 1867

The Commanding Officer
Dover
Arkansas

Sir:

I am directed by the Post Commander to inform you that the Agent of the Freedmens Bureau, Captain E. G. Barker, is required to investigate some irregularities which have recently occurred at Clarksville Arkansas; if he calls upon you for Military aid, be pleased to furnish it.

Frequent reports reach us of irregularities occuring in the vincinty of Clarksville, and I am disposed to believe it is a point where both law and justice are illy regulated, — cannot something be done to put an end to these disturbances?

I am Sir, Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) J G Deese
2nd Lieut & Adjt. 19th Infantry
Post Adjutant.

Official Copy respectfully furnished for the information of Capt. E. G. Barker.
Over

Hd Qrs. Sub. Dist. Ark.

Little Rock, Ark

August 7. 1867

The Bvt. Brig. Genl. Comdg.
directs the Post Comdr. at
Fort Smith, Ark. furnish
Surgeon Agnew a saddle
horse, as he may require.

By Command of
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Ord,
Chas. B. Wheeler
2d Lieut 9th Cav
A.A.A.G.

Head Quarters Sub Dist of Ark
Little Rock Arkansas.
August 7th 1867

Comdg Officer
Fort Smith
Ark

Sir

The Brvt Brig General Comdg directs that you furnish a saddle horse from the Public Stables at your Post. For the use of the Agent of the Freedmans Bureau at Fort Smith as he may need one from time to time in the discharge of his official duties

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

(Sd) Chas. Hood
2d Lt 8th U S Inf
A A A Genl

A True Copy

L. F. Kupfer
2d Lt 38th Inf
Actg Adjt

Little Rock, Ark
Aug. 8, 1867

Col. Page

Transmits vouchers
for July for signature

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 26, 1867.

E. G. Barker

Agt &c Fort Smith Ark.

Sir.

I enclose Summit for signature vouchers as follows, viz.

E. G. Barker.	July	services.	$99.17
J. A Hammersly	"	"	$99.17
Henry Hilliams	"	"	$20.00
H H Bailey	"	Rent	$20.00
Anton Reis	"	"	$60.00

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

Henry Page

Disby Officer &c

Aug 3/ K I.

E G Barker

Portfolio returned. The papers were forwarded to Dept Floyd for G/ Al. &c.

August 3rd 1867.

Office Bureau R.F.&A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 9, 1867

Col. Del. Floyd-Jones
Comdg. Post

Sir:

I am authorized by Henry Haney and Moses Allen, trustees of the Lake now occupied by Govt. employees, to say: that they are willing that they should remain till tomorrow 12, noon, if the house and furniture is put in as good repair as when they entered it.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
E G Bainbridge
Agent Bureau R.F.&A.L.

Little Rock Ark
Aug. 9. 1867.

Henry Page
A. A. A. Gen

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August 9th, 1867.

E. G. Barker

Agent &c. Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

Referring to your communication of Aug 5th 1867 regarding the refusal of Anton Reis to accept funds in payment of June 1867 accounts, you will please tender him in U.S. Currency the amt due for that month, and inform him that his account for May will be paid as soon as properly reported by Capt Bunzhoff, I loved his receipt for June rent and shall use the same as a voucher to my accounts which will not prevent his receiving his pay for May. In case he still refuses to receive it. you can hold the amount subject to his order.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Henry Page

Duty Officer &c.

Little Rock, Ark
Aug. 9. 1867

Col. Henry Page
Disby. Officer

Transmits Check
for Samuel Walters

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August 2d, 1867.

E. G. Barker

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 664, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for Ten ~~dollars~~ dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Samuel Walton repairs on school house

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant.

Henry Page

Asst. Surgeon

~~Bvt. Colonel and A. D. C.~~

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Special Orders
No. 118.

War Department

Bureau Refugees Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

Washington Aug 11th 1867

Special Orders
No 118

V— The purchase of the following named articles, & wit;

Eighteen (18) sets of double Harness
Eighteen (18) one horse Plows
Eighteen (18) Steel Hoes and
Thirty six Extra Plow Points, having been authorized, the account therefor of N E McKee & amounting to Three hundred and sixty nine dollars (369^{00}) is approprinated and will be paid by Col Henry Page, agent and Disbursing officer of this Bureau for the State of Arkansas. He will bear this property upon his returns until further orders and take the receipts of the parties to whom the same have been delivered, as his voucher for the issue thereof until the parties shall be able to pay for the same, or can dispense with their use and redeliver the same to him.

By order of Maj Gen O. O. Howard Comm'd

E. Whittlesey
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

A correct copy

Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

BUREAU OF REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS.

6B 499 FOR ARKANSAS. 1867.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 13th 1867

Respectfully returned.

Your vouchers for June require signature.

Vouchers for your services will untill further instructions se issued from this office, Vouchers for July servics were forwarded for signature Aug. 8th 1867

Wm Page

Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M.

Bvt
Col Henry Page
A Q M at the Dist of Ark
Sir
I have the honors to return herewith for my Services for the Month of June 1867 with Abstracts.
Vouchers with the signature required returned Aug 15 for the Month of July
Clerks need Dept as soon as Commenced as I am without funds to pay
I am very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E D Barkes
Bvt A

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark August 1st 1867

Col Henry Page
A. A. A. G. B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock Arkansas

Sir

I have the honor to forward Vouchers (Receipted) for my services as agent Bureau R. F. & A. L. for Sebastian County Ark for the Months of June and July 1867 Also Postage Vouchers from 3rd of April to 31st of July 1867

Please send Draft on Merchants Exchange Bank Little Rock Ark for the amount due P 210,34 as I am about starting

I am Sir very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
E. G. Barker
Agent

Office B. M. F. & A. L.
Devals Bluff
Aug. 14. 1867

M. J. McCullough

with reference to
Barbara Ann Mitchell's
girl - at Simon Young

Office Agent. B. R. F. & A. L.
De Vals Bluff Ark Aug 12th 65

Capt E. G. Parker
Agent. B. R. F. & A. L.
St Louis Mo

Captain

I have the honour to state in relation to your communication to Mr Simeon Dunn concerning the girl of Barbra Ann Mitchell's that Mr Dunn has been to see me and says he will send the girl but he thinks that some one had better come after her as she is for some time to travel alone and that he will be expences through if they send some one after her for the girl

So I will remain to your humble

I expect hear from you again
when he will be willing to send
her at once if desired let me
hear from you again soon
about the matter. I think
myself that the girl is too small
to travel alone and Mr Dunn
has said that he with his
sons could bring her
when they spring but is willing
to send her as desired

Yours Respectfully
Jos. Mullough
Genl. B.R.F. & B.L.

Office U.S. Mil. R.R. & A.L.
Dranesville Station
Aug. 14. 1865

W. J. Mullough
with regards
Barbara Ann
give at

Dunn Loring

Aug: 14, 1867
Colby

Little Rock Ark.
August 14th 1867

Colby. Wm. M.

In reference to
transportation of
Miss Farar and
Mr Howard.

E.9.72.

Little Rock Ark.
Aug. 14, 1867.

E. J. Barker.
Agent Bu. R. J. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Dear Sir:

In your letter transmitting School reports for July you urge the payment of transportation of Miss Doran and Mr. Howard without mentioning that you had heard from me on that subject; hence it is safe to presume that you had not received my note written two weeks or so previously, stating that accounts of that kind had been cut off. I have forwarded the vouchers

to Gen. Howard with a full statement of facts and it is presumed they were favorably endorsed by Gen. Smith. I trust they may be paid.

Will you be kind enough to inform Mr. Howard & Miss Farrar that I have not been unmindful of their interests in this matter. Please convey to them my kind regards.

I shall go north in a few days leaving Mr. Miller in charge of the office temporarily.

Truly Yours,
Wm. H. Colby.

Little Rock Ark.,

August 17th 1867

Page. Henry

Disbursing Officer

Enclosed copy of Circular

letter dated June 13th 1867

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark. Aug 17, 1867.

Capt Charles Banzhaff
Agent B R F & L
Fort Smith Ark

Enclosed herewith
Copy of Circular letter from this office dated
June 13th 1867.

Very respectfully
Henry Page
Disb'g Officer

Little Rock, Ark.
August 2nd 1867

Page, Henry
Disbursing Officer

Encloses check for payment
of within mentioned Voucher

Inclosing Check
in payt. of Anton
Neis' voucher for
May 1867.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August, 1867.

Capt Chas Banghof

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 700, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for Sixty ——— dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Rent of store building for month of May 1867

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Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant,

Thos. Page

Dep'ty Paym'r Gen'l

~~Bvt. Colonel and A. D. C.~~

Little Rock, Ark.,
Aug. 21st 1867

Page, Henry
Disbursing Officer

Inclosing Check
for July accounts
1867.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 21st, 1867.

Capt Chas Banyer

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 702, on the **Merchant's National Bank**, of Little Rock, Arks., for One hundred & thirty nine ⅓₀₀ dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Henry Williams Services as Messenger $ 20.
E. A. Hammond " " Clerk 99 ⅓₀₀
W. H. Bailey Rent 20 .

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant,

Chas Bayer

Brev. Lt. Col.

~~Bvt. Colonel and A. D. M.~~

Enclosing Transfer
roll of Employees to be
carried on report of
Persons & Articles

Little Rock Ark.
Aug 27. 1867

Henry Page
D.C.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Aug 27, 1867.

Lieut Chas Bauzhoff

Agent &c. Fortsmith Ark's

Lieut,

I enclose herewith Transfer roll of Employees whose services are to be carried on your report of Persons and Articles from and after August 1st 1867.

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Henry Page

Disby Officer

Little Rock, Ark,
August 28th 1867

Page. Henry
Disbursing Officer.

Enclosing Special
Orders No. 118.
with reference to
Agricultural implements
furnished to Colony in
Franklin County Ark.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., August 5, 1867.

Lieut Chas Bayliss
Agt BR F & AL Pottsville

Inclosed herewith
copy of Special Order No 118. Hdqrs Dept BR F &
A L, Aug 1st 1867. for your information.

I have taken all the property as instructed.
and wish you would inform the parties of the
purport of the order.

Very respectfully
Thos J Key
Disbursing officer

List
of
Bureau Property &c, transferred to Lieut.
Chs. Berghof by Henry Page D.Q. U.S. Army.
at Little Rock Ark. Septbr 1. 1867

List of ~~Quartermaster's~~ Pursers Property, &c.,

Transferred to Lieut Chas Bamhaf Asst Surgeon ~~Assistant Quartermaster~~ *U. S. A.*
at Fort Smith Ark *by* Hardy Page Disbursing Officer ~~Assistant~~
Quartermaster U. S. A., at Little Rock Ark Sept 1st 186[illegible]

Number or Quantity	ARTICLES.	COST. Dolls.	Cts.	CONDITION.
2	Cord Wood	4	00	Good

I CERTIFY *that I have transferred to* Lieut Chas Bamhaf Asst Surgeon U S A
~~*Assistant Quartermaster*~~ *U. S. A., the articles specified in the foregoing list.*

[SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.]

Hardy Page
Disbursing Officer
QM Dept

Bureau

List of ~~Quartermaster's~~ Property, &c.,

Transferred to Lieut Chas Dauphaf agr RB *Assistant Quartermaster U. S. A.*
at Fortress Ark *by* Wm Pope *Disbursing Officer Assistant*
Quartermaster U. S. A., at Little Rock Ark Sept 1st 186[illegible]

Number or Quantity	ARTICLES.	COST. Dolls.	COST. Cts.	CONDITION.
2	Boards Stools	4	00 Cents	Good

I CERTIFY *that I have transferred to* Lieut Chas Dauphaf agr RB Q M
~~*Assistant Quartermaster*~~ *U. S. A., the articles specified in the foregoing list.*

[SIGNED IN DUPLICATE.]

Wm Pope

Disbursing Officer
RB Q M

Ltr U.S. A.A.G. Ark. 1867

Fort Smith, Ark.
Sept 1st 1867.

Le — 6 —

Bangkaf, Lieut Col.
Agent.

Has received a second appointment as 1st Lieut 10th Cav. the first one having expired by constitutional limitation July 20th 67.
The first orders him to be-come to duty in the Bureau, but the second orders him to his regiment. asks if he must join his regiment in compliance with it.

B.R.F. & AL. MO. ARK. DIST.
SEP.
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1867
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau R F & A L
Ky Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark.
Sept 6th 1867.

Respectfully returned with the information that application has been made to retain Lieut. Bangkaf on duty in the Bureau. He will therefore remain on duty at Fort Smith until further orders.

By command of
Bt Brig Genl C.H. Smith,
Asst Commissioner.

J.W. E. Smith
Actg Asst Adj't Genl.

E. #605. 67

Office, B. of R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith Ark.
Septbr. 1st 1867.

To
C. H. Smith
Bt. Brig. Genl. U. S. Army.
Col. 28th U. S. Infty.
Genl.:

I have the honor, to most respectfully inform you, that I received, this day, a second appointment, as 1st Lieut. 10th. U. S. Cavly, to date June 12th 1867. the first one expired, by constitutional limitation, on the 20th of July. I having not been examined in time, to be nominated to, and confirmed by the Senate, at their late session. My 1st appointment, orders me to return on duty, in the B. of R. F. & A.

and the second, to report for duty, to the Commanding Officer of my Regiment at Fort Leavenworth Kansas.

I would most respectfully ask, if I am to remain on duty in the Freedmens Bureau, or to report in Person, to the Commanding Officer of my Regiment.? —

I am Genl.
Very respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. Bamzhaf. —
1st Lieut. 10th U.S. Cav.
Asst. B. of R. F. & A. L.

Little Rock, Ark.
Sept. 25. 1867

From

Henry Page
Disbg. Offier

175

Inclosing Check
in payment of wood
purchased of H. Spring
$80

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.
QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 20, 1867.

Capt Chas Banyar

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 816, on the Merchant's National Bank, of Little Rock, Arks., for Eight ~~dollars~~, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

H. Spring Purchase of Meal $8.00

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant,

Thomas Page

Disb. Officer

But. ~~Colonel and~~ A. Q. M.

Washington D.C.
Septbr 28. 1867

Wm M. Whittelsey
C. Q. M.
for
O O. Howard Comr

[Form 5.]

War Department,

Bureau Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands,

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER.

Washington, Sept 28th 1867.

Sir:

Your Monthly Account of ~~Quartermaster's Stores and~~ Clothing, Camp and Garrison Equipage, Q. M. Department, for the month of May & August, 1867, has been received, examined, and forwarded to Bvt. Maj.-Gen. M. C. Meigs, Quartermaster-General U. S. Army.

By order of Maj.-Gen. O. O. Howard, Commissioner.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

Chief Quartermaster, Bureau R., F., & A. L.

To Lieut Chas. Banzhaf

Asst

Fort Smith Ark

Little Rock Arr
Novbr. 22. 1867

Henry Page D.C.

Inclosing Check
No. 1046, — $189.17
for Octbr 1867 ex.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE,

Little Rock, Ark., Nov 22, 1867.

Col Pinkney Lugenbeel

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith my Check No. 1046 on the **Merchant's National Bank**, of Little Rock, Ark., for One Hundred and eighty nine 17 dollars, in payment of the following vouchers, viz:

Henry Williams	20.00
W H Bailey	20.00
J A Hammersly	99.17
D & O Main	50.00
	189.17

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obd't Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing officer

~~Bvt. Colonel and A. D. C.~~

Little Rock, Ark
Dec 9th 1867.

Page, Henry
Disbursing Officer.

Inclosing Nov. 1867
vouchers for signature

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 9th, 1867.

Lieut Col Whitney Engenbeels
Agent Bureau A. F. and A. L.,
Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

C. A. Hammersly	$99.17	Henry Williams	$20.00
H. H. Bailey	$20.00	J. H. D. Mann	$50.00

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. Page
Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Nov.

Little Rock Arkansas.

Dec 11th 1867

Paymr. Henry

Disbursing Officer

25-5-

Inclosing Wood vchs.
for month of Dec. 1867

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 11th, 1867.

Lieut Col Rustney Engineer.

Agent &c. Fort Smith Ark.

Colonel.

I have the honor to transmit herewith Invoice & Receipts for Seven. Cords of Wood purchased by you in month of Dec. 1867.

Please sign the receipts and return at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be Colonel

Very respectfully

Your obdt Servt

Henry Vogdes

Disbg Officer

L.R. 353. C.C.A. 1867

Fort Smith, Ark.
Dec 11th 1867.

~~Clerk. C.~~

Lieutenant Col Buckner
Agent.

Forwards letter of James Stevenson of Fayetteville, enclosing copy of an order releasing his property.
2 Enclosures.

Fort Smith

DEC 16 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Fort Smith R. F. and A. Bs.
for Arkansas
Little Rock, Ark.
Dec 16th 1867

Respectfully returned with the information that the records of this office show that, the property with 8 houses thereon containing 3 rooms, registered in the name of Jas. Stevenson, was returned to him as a loyal purchaser, and that the property registered in the name of Colin Davis, with houses thereon containing 4 rooms, was returned to E. D. Hams, as Agent for Joseph Davis, still leaving on the register at this office, one piece of property with houses containing 8 rooms, registered in the name of

Colin Davis. This name, Colin, was evidently entered on the register by mistake instead of Colonel Davis.
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Commissioner

Jno E. Smith
Capt. Asst. Adjt. Genl

E. 1446. Dec 1867.

Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 11th 1867.

Lieut. Jno. F. Bennett
A.A.A. Gen. Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from James Sterman, of Dyer Mill, Ark. together with an Official Copy of Special Orders, No 25, from Genl. Sprague.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.

Pinkney Lugenbeel
Lieut. Col. 19th U. S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Ark. 1333. Oct. Nov. 1867

B.R.F.&A.L.R.O. ARK.
DEC 16 1867
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Fayetteville, Ark. Dec 7th 67.

Lt. Col. Engenbeel - Ft Smith, Ark.

Sir;

I enclose you an order from Genl Sprague, dated March 6th. 1866. releasing the property formerly owned by Col. Jos. Davis. It has been registered by the agent of the Freedmen Bureau as the property of Colin Davis - No such man has ever lived here - it is a mistake in name, & can assure you this property is embraced in Gen. Sprague's order. What more is required, if anything, to have the matter adjusted? Hoping to hear from you soon I remain

Your Obt. Servant

D. Stevenson

Fayetteville, Ark.

Ex. 1553 Oct. Ct. 1867

DEC 16 1867 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Bureau Refugees Freedmen & Abandoned Lands
For the States of Missouri & Arkansas
Little Rock Ark. March 6" 1866

Special Orders
No. 25-

3 - Joseph Davis of Washington (Co.
Ark. having been specially pardoned by the Pres-
-ident of the United States, the control of that
tract registered in the name of James Stevenson
in Sec. 16, T. 16, N. R. 30 W. containing 4 acres
more or less. in Fayetteville Ark. now in the
possession of this Bureau, is hereby relinquished
to Jas. Stevenson, a loyal purchaser of the same;
Nothing in the order of restoration is to be
construed as giving any claim against
this Bureau for rents or damages which have
accrued prior to this date.

By
James Stevenson
Fayetteville Ark.

J W Sprague
Brig Genl asst Com-

A true Copy
L. L. Wheeler
2d Lieut 19th U.S. Infty -
Post Adjt.

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Little Rock Ark.
Decr. 27th. 1867.

From John Tyler, Capt. U.S.C.
Bt. Maj. Vols.
a.a.a Genl.

Copies of Circulars Nos.
30 and 32 to be given
to Judges and Justices of
the Peace in Dist.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
FOR ARKANSAS AND INDIAN TERRITORY,
Office of Assistant Commissioner,

Little Rock, Ark., Dec 27th 1866

Circular Letter

Sir,

The Asst Comr directs that copies of Circulars Nos. 2 and 32 Current Series be furnished to the Judges and Justices of the Peace in your District for their information. A sufficient number will be furnished for this purpose

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt

John Tyler
Capt 13th U S Inf'y and
A. A. A. G.

To
Capt Chas Bauzhaf
Superintendent
Fort Smith Ark

Little Rock Ark,

January 12th 1868.

Page, Henry.

Disbursing Officer

Transmits check in

payment of George Fulty

for $8.70.

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Disbursing Office R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

January 12, 1868.

Col Pinkney Lugenbeel

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No. 1227

on the MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK, of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Eight $

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

George Fultz	8.75

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer.

Little Rock Ark.
January 12. 1868

C. M. Clemm.

J. M. Clemm
Lake Village
Ark

Little Rock
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Maj Seymbeal

Dear Sir

Since my arrival at this place, I find my Lot on Main Street has been put on the list of abandoned Land, but my other two Lots in the upper part of town, near the Spring are not on the list, & have never Bin abandoned. Any property that I left there on business for Mr. C. G. Scott sent to Chicot, & have remained on the Plantation ever since, July 1862, - I sent One Sam, a Negro to attend to my business in 1865. Which he had done, I do not wish to lose the last, it belongs to my children & it probably may be worth something to them, I will leave here To morrow for home, & would be glad To hear from You on the subject direct Your Letter should You write me To Lake Village Very Respectfully Yours
D McClinton

Ozark, Arkansas

January 26th 1868

Ross. Gen. H.

Clerk Franklin

Circuit Court, Ark.

In reference to
various outrages.

Ozark Arkansas Janry 26th 1886

Col: P. Luquenbill

Agent Bureau R, F, & A, L,

Fort Smith

Ark

Dear Sir:

In reply to your circular of the 21st inst I have the honor to say that in September last Richard Frazier was killed near Charleston in this County by Wilbur F Duckard. He was arrested on examination had before Wm J Parks a Justice of the Peace in Prairie Township and the prisoner discharged as appears by the record of the proceedings before said justice on file in my office: and that an indictment is now pending in the Circuit Court of this County against Harvey Nichols for an assault with a deadly thing in April last upon the person of Kenny Norman. These are all the cases which have been brought to my knowledge officially - I have heard unofficially that Thomas Harris killed at Roseville in this County about the first of the present month by Watley whom he was attempting to arrest and who was suspicioned of having murdered a man whose body was not long before that time found in Mazzard Creek in Sebastian County - I also know that some months ago J. D. Berry of this place was arrested and acquitted before a justice of the peace here upon a charge of assaulting one Armstrong, all of the parties in these cases were white men, I know and have heard of no other acts of the kind referred to committed in this County since the date mentioned.

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Ozark, Arkansas

January 26th 1865

Hon. Geo. H.

Clerk Franklin

Circuit Court, Ark.

In reference to

various outrages.

Very respectfully

Your obt Servt,

Geo. W. Rose, Clerk

Franklin Circuit Ct, Ark.

BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN AND ABANDONED LANDS,

FOR ARKANSAS.

QUARTERMASTER'S AND DISBURSING OFFICE.

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Little Rock, Ark., D'eby 25th 1868.

Respectfully returned. The insertion of Bureau R.F. & A.L. in the certificate is erroneous The certificate should not be changed in any manner whatever, all returns rendered by Lt. Col. Sugenbeil, recd at this office have at all times been forwarded accompanied by all the abstracts & vouchers as when recd, If accts have been lost in transmission your only recourse is to make out & forward new accts

Special Agent and Disbursing Officer,

Bureau R., F. and A. L.

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Office Bureau R. F. & A. L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Feby. 20th 1868.

Col Henry Page
Disby. Officer B. R. F. & A. L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Col:

I have the honor to forward herewith, corrected Return of Clothing for month of Decr. 1867, in obedience to the following indorsement, on your letter of transmittal dated Jany. 23rd 1868:

"War Department
Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
Office Chief Quartermaster,
Washington Feby. 3rd 1868.

Respectfully returned to Col. Henry Page, D.O. enclosing the Returns for month of December 1867 of Lieut. Col. P. Sugrubed forwarded, for explanation

While the Returns are stated in the accompanying letter of transmittal to be of C. C. & G. E. The certificates to the same have been altered to read as received on account of "Bu R.F. & A. L." instead of the "D.M. Dept."

Also it is noticed that no voucher in support of the Articles for which a credit is Taken, as issued to Destitute Refugees and Freedmen, accompanies the Returns. No Returns of this property prior to month of December 1867. have been received from Col Sugenbird. they are required.

Col. Page will please inform Col. Sugenbird that C. C. & G. E. and other property of the D.M. Dept. held by the Bureau although "received on account of the Bureau" should be accounted for to that Dept in the same manner as if held for its use, - except that the Returns should be forwarded in triplicate, to the D.M. Genl. through the Commissioner.

If the Clothing specified in the enclosed Returns pertain exclusively to the D.M. Dept. U.S.A. the reason in the Certificate of "Quartermaster Dept." should not have been made.

By command of Maj.-Gen. O.O. Howard.
Commissioner.
(Sgd.) Henry W. Whittlesey
Chief D.M. Bu. R.F. and A.L."

I would respectfully ask for information what became of the voucher accompanying the Decr. Return (it having been forwarded with the Return from this office). Also what disposition was made of the Returns "prior to the month of December 1867." if received by you, especially the vouchers, and what is necessary for me to do in the matter of their omission, or non-arrival, in order to meet the requirements. Please order strict search for the missing documents.

Very respectfully, your obt. Servt.
Pinkney Sugenbird
Lieut. Col. 19th U.S. Infty.
Agent Bureau R.F. & A.L.

Little Rock Ark.
April 14. 1868

Henry Page
P.O.

Inclosing Check
No. 1537. — March 1868

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Arkansas,

April 14, 1868.

Col Pinkney Lugenbeel USA

Agent Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

I have the honor to enclose herewith, my check, No 1537

on the **MERCHANT'S NATIONAL BANK,** of Little Rock, Arkansas, for Ninety nine 17

dollars, in payment of the following accounts:

J A Hammersley	99.17

Please acknowledge receipt.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

Thomas Page

Disbursing Officer.

Little Rock, Ark,
March 14th 1868.

Commissioner, Asst.

Directs that E. St. Miller
Asst. Supt. Ed. be furn-
nished with a horse, dur-
ing his stay in Ft. Smith

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

Little Rock, Ark., March 14, 1867.

Lieut. Col. A. Engelmann,
Comdg Post & Agent B.R.F.A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark.

Colonel,

The Asst Commissioner directs that you furnish Revd E. Kennedy, Asst Supt Education, who visits Fort Smith in the interests of Freedmen's Schools, with a horse and the necessary Equipments — during his stay in Ft Smith to enable him to perform his duties with despatch.

I am very respectfully
Your Obt Servt

J. W. E. Smith
1st Lt. 38th Infantry.
Actg Asst Adjt General

Apl 8 1868

B & Brown

Atty

Sam Brown. Ohio.

April 9th 1868.

Brown B. F.

Atty

In reference to

claim of C. Jarvis

Brough

Van Buren Ark
April 9th A D 1868

Lieut

I am in receipt of a Notification from Messrs Daniels & Sherrod attys at Washington through whom I sent Claim of Harrison Arborough late of Co G 113 Inf C T for arrears of pay and Bounty that his Claim had passed and Certificate No 401,909 for $227.11 has been issued by the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury in his favor payable at the Fort Smith Marks Bureau nearest his residence which in his case is Ft Smith He goes over & get his money or D ascertain what he is to do to get it I presume that office has been notified of the Matter. as I do not know who is the Bureau agent I send it to you.

I am Lieut Very Respectfully your obt Servt

B. J. Brown atty

1st Lieut Lyonhill
Commdg Post
Ft Smith
Ark

Little Rock, Arkansas,

April 11th 1868.

Paye. Henry

Disbursing Officer

Property accounts

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., April 10th, 1868.

Lieut. Col. Courtney Langenheil.

Agent. &c. Fort. Smith Ark

Colonel.

I return herewith your property accounts for the months of Nov & Dec 1867. I have made copies of returns of Bureau Stores & C. C. & G. E. to correspond with the items borne on your accts. in the manner in which they should be made. and enclose them for your information & guidance, & would respectfully invite your attention to the remarks on the face of your accts. and to the provisions of enclosed circular which are. under severe. All. papers forwarded through this office to heads of Bureau at Washington must be properly endorsed.

Very respectfully

Your Obet Servt
Henry Page
Ruby Officer

Fort Smith Ark.
April 11. '68

B. F. Hanley

Asst Adjutant Gen

Fort Smith Ark—
Apl 11/68.

Ft Fradmus Agt &c—

Dr Sir

I hired Wade Hampton (Freed) on the 6th of Jany last at $200.00 per Annum if he Subsisted Hms, and he Commenced to Work on that day) in four Weeks I informed him that I could not pay him more than $150.00 per Annum (And gave My reason,) And he Acquiesced, And he Continues to Work & play until the 7th of March And had during this time Lost 6 days, And then Went of on Some "Steam Boat" without ~~without~~ giving me any Notice of leaving,-And I have paid him $22. he says I paid him $17.- he forgot 5 $ I paid- And I Wish to Settle whatever is just in the premises. I have always hired by Leaving Contract with Your office, but they Rarely all protect Making Contracts Without you, &c— Yrs Respy &c—

P. F. Corby

Bureau R. F. and A. L. for Arkansas.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
April 16th 1868.

Respectfully returned to Lieut
Col. O. Augenbel, Agent.
Fort Smith, Ark. inviting atten-
tion to endorsements hereon of
the Superintendent of Educations
and Assistant Superintendent
of Education.
By command of
Bvt. Brig. Gen. C. H. Smith.
Asst. Comm.

J. M. Bell
Capt. Asst Adjt Genl.
E. 290-68.

Fort Smith, Arkansas,
January 31st 1868.

L. 254. C. 1868.
Application of Rector, Warden & Teachers of St. Johns Episcopal Church, for a donation of money or books for the colored Sabbath School.

Hd. Qrs. Ft. Smith Arkansas,
February 5th 1868.

Respectfully forwarded - approved.
The Episcopalians are the only persons here who are interesting themselves in the education of the colored children & I therefore recommend that a small sum of money be donated them - to enable them to purchase the articles required.
A still better course would be to order the books to be from New York & pay the bill. These articles are much needed & the Episcopalians find it impossible to raise the necessary funds here.

Brinkerhoff Luyenbeel
Lieut. Col. 19th Inf.
Comdg. Post &
Agent, K. F. & A. L.

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Received at Ft Smith
Little Rock Ark
February 11th 1868

S. R. 46 A.G.O. Ark. 1868
Respectfully referred to
Wm M. Colby
Supt of Education
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. Adams
Asst Comm'y

J. W. C. Pond
Actg Asst Adjt Genl

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Office Supt. Education
Little Rock, Ark.
Feby 21, 1868.

Respectfully referred to
Rev. E. K. Miller, Missionary
Supt. Am. Miss. Assoc'n.

Wm M. Colby
Supt. Education

E. 25 - 1868

Office Miss. Supt -
Little Rock Ark
Feby 24th 1868

Respectfully returned to
Mr Wm M Colby Supt Ed
with the remarks that
I hope not the books
desired - but - I transmit
the within communication
to the Rt Rev Henry C Lay,
Bishop of Arkansas who
has taken steps to supply
the books required

Enoch K Miller
Miss Supt - Arkansas

Recd Back A.G.O. Feby 24th 68
Recd. A.G.O. Feby 12 - 1868.

Fort Smith
Ark

Col. J. Lugenbeel
Colonel

Jany 31st/68

We the undersigned desire to make to you the following statement.

Some year & a half ago, we opened, in connexion with St Johns Episcopal Church, a Sunday School for the benefit of the Children of the Freedmen. During that time the average attendance has been about 60 pupils. Sometimes we have had as many as Seventy Five or Eighty present, rarely less than Fifty.

In endeavouring to instruct these poor children we have laboured under great disadvantages for want of books. Tho' we have written to the Freedmen's Commission & tho' they promised us books, we have never received a cent of aid, from any quarter, nor a single book.

The object of making this statement to you is, that, as Chief of the Freedmen's Bureau in this place & knowing well the destitution there is of religious instruction, you may be able to procure for us from the Freedmen's Bureau, either an appropriation of money to buy books for this School, or a donation of books. We send a list of such books as we most need at this time, which can be had of C. G. Houston 762 Broadway

New York.

Believe us

Very Respectfully

Yours

J. Sanders Rector of

St Johns Church

Fort Smith

P. Y. Brooks

Sup't-

Octavia B. Seymour Teacher.

Portia M. Wilcox Teacher

List of Books-

4 Copy Prayer

4 " Bibles

4 " S. S. Liturgy by Hobart

4 " Catechisms on the Creed (Drapier)

11 " Calvary Catechisms

500 Reward Tickets

1000 Red. Wh. & Blue do

100 - S.S. Library Cards

100 Vols. Library Books-

Office Supt. Education
Little Rock Ark.
July 24, 1865.

Respectfully returned to
Bvt Brig Gen'l Jos. S. Bennett
A.A.A. Genl.

There is no way, under
existing laws regulating
the Bureau, to withdraw
books of any kind can
be sufficient to institute
Schools. The attention
of parties making this
application is called to
the preceding endorsement

Geo. Miller.
Supt Mo. Valley
Relief Education

APR 16 1868 LITTLE ROCK

Little Rock, Ark
April 16th 1868

Miller, E. S.

Missionary Supt.

Freedmens affairs

Yours truly
Thos. Eaton
Supt. Ark

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
Little Rock District,

Little Rock, Ark., April 16th, 1868.

Mr A J Hammerly
Fort Smith

Dear Bro

Enclosed you will find copies of an agreement between myself and the Trustees of the Freedmens School at Fort Smith, which I desire to have properly signed, one to be returned to me and the other to be retained either in your office or in Dom Commissioners office for the benefit of the Freedmen

You need not have this signed until you receive the Mortgage from me, and until you receive the deed from Mr Stryker

Mrs Foran will leave as soon as she hears from me for her transportation goes up to day

I wish that you could go over to Van Buren and see about the Lot there for the Freedmen how various more than half enough to purchase Lot and the General will authorize Commissioner

us to build them of the best materials
Do this for me a personal favor.
I have been to see the Gen times about
securing you note asking me to
request him to allow you to furnish
them the Lumber — but he was
not in the office
U S Senators were elected yesterday
Jas F Rice for the long term &
Asa McDonald for the short
Brooks of Helena was the only
other name presented. Dell was
not spoken of outside of his Counties
Let me hear from you soon
Fraternally
E K Wells
Supt Ark

Little Rock, Ark
April 16th 1868.

Miller, U.S.
Quartermaster Dept.
Quartermaster's Office

Enoch H Miller
State agent [illegible]
Summary Answer to
Complainants Agreement to sell Lands

Trustees of Freedmens
School at Fort Smith

This agreement made and entered into this
day of April A. D. 1868 between Enoch P
Mills as State Agent of the American Missionary
Association for the State of Arkansas, for and
on behalf and in the name of said Association
Missionary Association of the first part, and
Jesse McDaniel, Joseph Smith, Granville
Ryles
and
as Trustees of the Freedmen School at Fort
Smith Arkansas of the second part-Witnesseth
That the said party of the first part as such
agent aforesaid in consideration of the
covenants and agreements hereinafter
contained agrees to sell unto the said parties
of the second part as such Trustees aforesaid
for the use and benefit of said Freedmen's
School, all that piece or parcel of land
known as lots (4) four (5) five and (6) six
in Block No (40) Forty in Rodgers addition
to the city of Fort Smith, and situate in
said city of Fort Smith in the County of
Sebastian and State of Arkansas for the
sum of Two Hundred and twenty five
Dollars to be paid to the said party of the
first part on or before the day of
April A. D. 1869. with ten per cent interest per
annum thereon, and the said parties of
the second part, in consideration of the
premises. agrees to pay to the said party

of the first part, the said sum of Two hundred & twenty five dollars on or before the day of April A.D. 1869 with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the day of April. A.D. 1868. and the said party of the first part also agrees, that on receiving the said sum of Two hundred & Twenty five dollars with the said interest at the time and in the manner above mentioned, he will at such agent executes and delivers to the said parties of the second part a good and sufficient deed conveying to the said parties of the second part as such Trustees for the uses and purposes above mentioned, the said premises above described, and it is further agreed between the parties to these presents, that the parties of the second part is to have and retain possession of the premises until the day of April 1869 for the purpose of carrying on the said Freedmens School at Fort Smith aforesaid, when the same shall upon failure of the said parties of the second part to comply with the agreement and covenants herein contained on their part to be kept and complied with. he delivers up to the said party of the first part, that the said party of the second part shall pay all taxes and assessments becoming chargable to and upon the said premises

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between the date hereof and the said day
of April A.D. 1869, and that of default be
made in fulfilling this agreement, or any part
thereof, on the part and behalf of the said
party party of the second part, then and in
such case, the said party of the first part shall
be at liberty to consider this Contract as
forfeited and annulled, and of the said
parties of the second part shall be in possession
of the said premises, at the time of making
such default, the party of the first part shall
have full and complete right to proceed against
the said parties of the second part and remove
them therefrom in the manner provided by law
for the removal of persons forcibly entering into
the premises and detaining any lands or
other premises. It is also agreed between
the said parties, that the above stipulations shall
apply to and bind their respective heirs successors
in office and assigns. In witness whereof
the parties to these presents have hereunto
set their hand and seals the day and
year first above written

Attest- Emmett K Miller {Seal}

{Seal}

{Seal}

{Seal}

{Seal}

{Seal}

{Seal}

Rec'd Ch Cl Apl 16 1868.

Little Rock. Ark.
April 16th 1868.

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Col. Thos. M.
Supt. Education.

Writes to Lt. Col. P. Luguenbeel
Agent at Ft. Smith, in reply to
his communication referred by
endorsement dated February 11th
1868. and states that it has never
been the practice in this district
to repair shingles to any grant
vested for school purposes. and
that as school houses will soon
be erected at Ft. Smith.

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LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Duncan R. T. Feb. 6.
Little Rock
April 14. 1868.

Respectfully transmitted to Lt. Col.
O. Luguenbeel, agent.
at Fort Smith Ark
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Comdt

J. W. E. Smith
Capt Asst Adjt Genl

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Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS,

Office of Superintendent of Education,

#64 Little Rock, Ark., April 16, 1868.

Lt. Col. Pinkney Lugenbeel,

Agent B. R. F. & A. L.,

Fort Smith. Ark.

Sir,

In reply to your communication dated Ft. Smith Feby 7. 1868, referred to this office, recommending an appropriation of $500.00 to repair a certain church at that place, I have the honor respectfully to state that it has never been the practice in this district to repair churches to any great extent for school purposes, and to do so in this case would seem to be in direct contravention of Circular no. 30. dated Washington D.C. Dec. 31. 1867.

Land having been recently secured at Ft. Smith for the purpose the erection of a school house will be proceeded with without much delay.

Very respy. your obedient Servant

Wm M. Colby

Supt. Education.

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Little Rock, Ark.
April 17th. 1868

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter addressed to Lieut. Col. Engenbeck, Agent, Fort Smith, Arkansas, who will be answered this within enquiries.

By command of
Bvt. Brig. Genl. G. M. Dodge
Asst. Comm.

J. M. Brown
Capt. Asst. Adjt. Genl

Encl. 2 & 5. 68.

Bureau R. F. & A. Affairs.
Little Rock, Arkansas.
April 17th 1868.

Respectfully referred to Lieut. Col. Engenbeck, Agent, Fort Smith, Arkansas, who will be answered this within enquiries.

By command of
Bvt. Brig. Genl. G. M. Dodge
Asst. Comm.

J. M. Brown
Capt. Asst. Adjt. Genl

Encl. 2 & 5. 68.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter addressed to Lieut. Col. Engenbeck, Agent, enquiring concerning a colony of settlement of freedmen in Franklin and Crawford County, made under the auspices of Col. Engenbeck's predecessor, Major Bangkof.

Lieut. Col. Engenbeck,
Special Inspector, &c.

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Special Inspectors Office,
B. R. F. and A. L. for Arkansas,
Little Rock, Ark. April 17th 1868.

Col.

I am instructed by Gen. Smith, Asst. Com. B. R. F. and A. L. for Ark. to make the following inquiries of you Concerning a Colony or settlement of Freedmen in your District believed to be in Franklin or Crawford County. The settlement was made, I think, under the auspices of your predecessor, Major Bankhead, and was supposed to be on U.S. Lands, subject to entry under the Homestead Law.

The object is to ascertain whether they are on such lands or not, and if not to assist them in finding such lands, or if preferred, and practicable, to put them in the way of acquiring title where they are, if they have not done so.

You are respectfully requested to ascertain, if not already informed, and transmit to this Office, or to Asst. Adjt. Gen. for the State, the facts covering the following questions — 1st Whereabouts is the Colony

referred to located? - I.E. in what County, - What Range, Land Townships, Sections &c? About how many families are embraced in the Colony? - What means, if any, have been taken to ascertain whether they are on U.S. or other lands, such as R.R. grants or non-resident claims? - And, What titles, if any, have these freedmen acquired?

In view of the approaching expiration of the Bureau law and the resulting necessity of completing, as early as may be any work designed to benefit the freedmen your prompt attention is desired to this matter.

I have also the personal reason of wishing to finish any surveys which may be needed in the case before the very hot part of the year is upon us

I am very Respy.
Your obt Servt
W. W. Granger
Special Inspector & Surveyor
B.R.F. and A.L.
for Ark Kansas.

To
Col Putney Lagenbeck,
Asst B.R.F. and A.L.,
Fort Smith Arkansas
Through Hd. Qrs. Asst. Com. G
for Ark Kansas.

Little Rock Ark.
April 21. 1868

Henry Page.
L. O. de

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., April 21, 1868.

Lieut. Col. P. Engenbeck.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark

Colonel.

I enclose herewith Plans & Specifications for freedmens school house at Fort Smith Ark to for exhibition to such persons as may desire to make proposals for the contract.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt.

Chas Page

Disbg Officer

Washington, D. C.
April 28th 1868

Balloch, George W.

Brt. Brig. Gen. and

Chief Disb. Offr.

Relative to arrears of pay due

Harrison Straught

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D.C., April 28 1868.

Agt Freedmans Bureau
Fort Smith
Ark

Sir,

Enclosed you will find vouchers for arrears of pay &c due Harrison Arbaugh Sgt. G. 113th U.S.C.T. who resides at Van Buren Ark.

If you can find him, please have the vouchers properly signed and return to this office.

Respectfully &c
Wm. H. Ballauch
Bvt Brig. Gen & C. D. O.

I will send him a draft on N. Y. on your case

Little Rock, Ark.

May 6th 1868

Page. Henry

Disbursing Officer

Enclosing vouchers
for month of April 1868.

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., May 6, 1868.

Col O Longabeer.

Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

J a Hammerly 99, '7

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark.

May 9th 1868.

Miller, Enoch K

Missionary

Dept. of Education.

From E. K. Miller
Transmitting Mortgage
on School lots.

Office Missionary Superintendent of Freedmen,

American Missionary Association.

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark., May 9th 11 , 1868.

Col. Pinckney Lugenbiel

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir.

I have the

honor to forward herewith a mortgage executed by Rev. Jacob R. Shipherd on the lots recently purchased for a schoolhouse also his note for the balance of the money due one year from date and a check on the First National Bank of Fort-Smith for two hundred and fifteen dollars ($215.00) drawn in favor of John Stryker.

I have not affixed the internal revenue stamps to the mortgage and note, but have sent a check for one dollar which will pay

for them; to Mr. Hammersley, presuming that you will require him to attend to the business —

The mortgage note and check are to be delivered to Mr Stryker in exchange for a warranty deed of said lots. Please have the deed duly recorded and forward to me immediately.

I am Sir, very respectfully

Your obediant Servant

Enoch F Miller

Missionary Supt. Education

Little Rock Ark
May 11. 1868

Henry Page
D.O.

Disbursing Office S. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., May 11th, 1868.

Lieut. Col. P. Engenbell.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark.

Col.

I have the honor to inform you that in accordance with your request the Asst Commr has directed the time for receiving proposals for the erection of the Fort Smith School House has been extended to 10 o'clock am Monday May 1868.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

Henry Page

Disby Officer

Fort Smith, Ark.
May 15. 1868

Receipt — $215.00

Wm. A. Rogers
John Stryker } Executors

No 215

Received, Fort Smith, Ark. May 15th 1868.
of Rev. C. K. Miller, Missionary Supt. Education, for Ark.,
Two hundred and fifteen dollars. it being part pay-
ment of lots, No. (4) four, (5) five and (6) Six, Block, No. (46) forty, in
the City of Fort Smith, Ark.

[redacted]

John Stryker } Executors

Little Rock, Ark.

May 28th 1868

Page, Henry

Disbursing Officer

Inclosing Invoices
of Stationery for
month of May, 1868

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., May 23rd, 1868.

Col. O. Engenbeck.

Agent B.R.F.&A.L.

Fort Smith Ark

Col.

Enclosed please find Invoice and receipts for Stationery transfered in current month

Please sign & return receipts at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

Henry Page

Disby Officer

Little Rock Ark.
May 27. 1868

Henry Page D.O.

Inquiring the whereabouts of

Harrison Arbaugh } U.S.
Elijah Bryant } U.S.
Thos. Blackwater } C.S.

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., May 27th 1868.

Col Pinkney Lugenbeel USA
Agent Bureau R F & A L
Fort Smith Ark

Col.

I have received notice of the settlement of the following Bounty claims. Elijah Bryant Co A 113 U.S.C.I. and Harrison Arbaugh Co G. 113th U.S.C.I. both residing at Van Buren Also Thos Blackwater Co F 113. U.S.C.I. residing at Fort Smith.

My object in writing is to ascertain the present whereabouts of the parties in order that payment may be made to them.

Please have inquiry made as to their whereabouts and report same to this office as soon as possible.

Very respectfully your obt servt

Henry Page
Disbursing Officer

L. R. 65. Ch. 46. A. G. O. 1868.

Little Rock Ark
May 27th 1868
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Engineer. U. S.
Special Inspector.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of Colonel Engineer dated April 24th and states that a full investigation of concerning the land occupied by the Franklin County Colony has been made and some of the lots found to be Railroad land. But he hopes to obtain said lands for the purpose from the Company. Will visit the colony soon.

Headquarters U. S. A.
Little Rock Ark
May 29th 1868

I am directed to transmit to Lieut Col. C. Engineer U. S. Engineers
By command of
Bvt Brig Genl C. C. Smith
Lieut Colonel

Jno C. Smith
Aide de Camp

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Special Inspector's Office.
B. R. F. and A. L. for Ark.
Little Rock Ark. May 27th 1868

Lt. Col. Pitkney Lugenbeel,
19th U. S. Infantry,
Agent B. R. F. and A. L.,
Fort Smith, Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that your letter of April 24th in reply to mine of the 17th has been rec'd. and full investigation made concerning the lands occupied by freedmen in the Franklin Co. Colony.

Unfortunately they are within the six mile limits of the Little Rock and Fort Smith R. R. - and consequently the even numbered Sections are R. R. lands. - The others are all right - I hope to be able to inform those on the R. R. lands on what terms they can arrange with the Company to retain and buy their homesteads, and I think fair terms, both as to price and time of payment may be had - I have verbal assurances from gentlemen of influence in the company that such shall be the case - I expect to start Monday, June 1st, to come and survey the lands, but

Special Inspector's Office.
B. R. F. and A. L. for Arkansas.
Little Rock Ark. May 27th 1868

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19th U. S. Infantry,
Agent B. R. F. and A. L.,
Fort Smith, Arkansas,

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having to stop at Clarksville to get the field notes &c
shall not reach Fort Smith till the close of the work.

As I shall have to use the men themselves as
Chain carriers &c. in surveying, it seemed proper
to advise you of my coming, so that, if Opportunity occurred for you to let the Colonists know of
it they could be ready —

I presume Gen Smith may give me an order for transportation from Fort Smith to the land and return.

With my thanks for your courteous, clear and prompt reply to my former communication

I remain, Very Respy
Your obt Servant

W. H. Granger
Special Inspector
B. R. F. and A. L. for Ark

Through Head Quarters of
Asst. Commissioner B. R. F. and A. L.
for Arkansas

Geary Farm

May 28th 1868

Greene, Wm

On reference
to the arrest of
certain Freedmen
by the sheriff
of Doulleyville
&c.

Geary Farm C.A. May 28th 66

Mr Hennesby

Sir

This is to inform you that one Henery Merchant, Negro, and a deling Sheriff of Scullaysville Co, C.A. has arrested three Freedmen to wit Alex Geary Albert Geary James Brown And have tod all of them plowing and performing other Manuel labor for him Merchant on his farm. Yesterday I am informed that two of them got away Namely Ch Geary & Brown, I am informed that they have gone to Ft Smith for protection, I do not know the Nature of the pretended offence finding from his Merchant to post conduct it may not be any thing at all, However I know that the the three Freedmen Merchant killed a beif belonging to some other Freedman in the neighborhood. I hope you will do all you can to bring this Culprit Merchant to justice. If the Govt will allow such men as him to arrest any and all the Freedmen for any and all pretended offences, and be the sole Judg and jury I say in command them back to Slavery. for I think their Masters owe at least cloth and

and feed them. But this treatment would
Shame Slavery they have to clothe themselves
I doubt if there is any tyranick an despot-
-ic Conduct among any of the subjects
of the most inhumane and despotic
Govts of the earth than is now being
put in force not, more than ten miles
from an Agent of the Freedmans
Bureau and in sight of the American
Flage. According to the Treaty between the
U.S. And C.S. Govts these freed people
or not citizens of the C.S. until they
are made so by a Vote that is to be taken the
coming August And if made citizens they
are to have 40 acres of land each And the
U.S. is to pay the C.S. A certain portion sum
of money that it holds as Trust funds.
The exact amt I do not know remember.
When the rebellion broke out and the rebels
was shouting hooraing and rejoicing over the loyal people
of this country the then only excuse was
that the Govt could not then extend its
strong arm to every one of its subjects.
If the white Rebels had allways received
the treatment that the blacks have
allways received at the hands of
and are now receiving at their

and or now receiving out here at this
moment they would at least had
an excuse for to make complaints
and if the Govt had not redressed
their grievances and wrongs they
would then had an excuse to have
gone in to rebellion as the Constitution
would, that is where it says when the
governments and Wrongs are too great
to be redressed, I do not like to meddle
Where I am not concerned but
this is a painful duty that devolves
upon me as a loyal & law abiding
citizen, I have no objection to bring men
of every color and creed to justice.
according to law but I cannot stand by
and see men as this rebble Murderer is now and
has been doing when he has no right
whatever. It is true I helped to arrest
Lost summer a preacher for horse
stealing, but we taken him to the
proper and lawfull authorities and
he was tried by an impartial jury
composed of honorable men and not
by one unprincipled scoundrel and
lynch-broker like the present pseudo pimp
sheriff and would be confederate president
Murchert, I have not time nor space

Dear Sir I wrote you a very much
and I think I very kind
wrote and more than you can
make any disposition of this letter
that you wish you to send me a
copy of it to the said Mountain
hoping that this may attract the
attention of the proper authorities
that my Whole patience was
made Rewarded by the long desired
Travelers rest

Please excuse my
great haste

And hastily I Remain
Yours truly
Wm Greer

Leary Pearce
Peary 28th 1868

Greene, Miss

Dear sir
In the perusal
of the present
article I perceive
by the postmark,
you Doubtless
live.

Washington May 29. 1868

Geo. W. Balloch
Bt Brig Genl & C.S.O.

Enclosing Check
in payment of
Harrison Arbaugh's
Bounty Claim.

May 29. 1868.

War Department,
BUREAU REFUGEES, FREEDMEN, AND ABANDONED LANDS,
OFFICE CHIEF DISBURSING OFFICER.

Washington, D. C., May 29th, 1865.

Lt. Col Pinckney Lugenbeel (Asst)
Fort Smith Ark.

Sir

I have the honor to send you, herewith my check # 1164 on U.S. Asst. Treasurer N.Y. for $214.61/100 to pay bounty due Hanson Arbaugh Sgt Co G. 113th U.S.C.T. whose receipts I have received

Very Respy.
Your Obt Servant
Geo. W Ballouch
Brt Maj Gen'l & Chf C.

Little Rock Ark.
June 3. 1868.

H. Page A.C.

Transmitting
May vouchers. 1868.

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., June 3rd, 1865.

Lieut. Putney Eugenbeel

Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

J. A. Hammerly. 99.17.

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

May.

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock Arkansas

June 6th. 1868

Page. Henry

Disbursing Officer

Requesting Plans & Specifications of School House returned.

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., June 6th, 1868.

Lieut Col. A. Engelmann

Agent A.R.F. & A.L.

Fort Smith Ark.

Col.

Your will please return to this office at your earliest convenience the Plans and Specifications for Dredmens School House at Fort Smith Ark. forwarded to you April 21. 1868.

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt

H. Penny Page.

Disby Officer

Little Rock, Ark.

6 — June 11th 1868.

Smith, John E.

Actg Asst Adjt Gen
for
Asst. Commissnr.

Directs the Agent
to examine title of
School Lots.

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,
For Arkansas.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

#47.

Little Rock, Ark., January 11th, 1868.

Sir

The Assistant Commissioner directs that you make a strict examination of the title to the ground on which the school house for freedmen is to be erected and report to him whether the same is perfect.

I am very respectfully,
Your Obt Servt.

Lieut. Col. P. Engelbrecht
Agent
Fort Smith,
Ark.

[signature]
1st Lieut. 6th U.S. Infantry,
Actg Asst Adjt Genl.

Dialoging June
Vouchers for
signature

Clerks Recs the
July 8. 1828

Henry Gay Ro

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., July 6, 1865.

Lieut P. Lagrenbiel

Bureau R. F. and A. L.,

Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith for signature vouchers as follows:

J. A. Hammerly. $99.17

You will please have all signatures to the receipts written the same as in the heading. All signatures by mark you will please witness.

Very respectfully,

Your Obedient Servant,

Henry Page

Disbursing Officer B. R. F. and A. L.

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No. .....

SAMUEL F. COOPER,

Collector of Internal Revenue,

3d DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS.

Dated, Van Buren July 27th *1868*

Subject:

School matters.

United States Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, 3d District, Arkansas,

Van Buren, July 27, 1868

To Supt. Freedmens Affairs
Fort Smith Ark.

Dear Sir:

Please give the bearer the information on the following points viz: What amount was allowed by Wm. Colby Supt. B. of A. L. towards building the school house now erecting in Fort Smith for the colored people? Did the colored people themselves raise any thing except for the lots? What form of application is required to secure an allowance or appropriation for the colored people of this place?

Very respectfully
Samuel R. Cooper

Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands,

FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 14th 1868.

Respectfully returned to
Lieut Col. P. Luquenbeel,
Agent. Fort Smith Ark.
Those articles intended
for gratuitous issue.
You will continue to
distribute as heretofore.
Instructions in regard
to disposal of the other
property will be sent
you as soon as received
from Washington.
By command of
Bvt Maj Genl C. H. Smith
Asst Comm'r

J. W. Mills
1st Lt & Adj't 38th U.S. Inf't
Actg Asst Adj't Gen'l.
Aug 8

L. R. # Vol 2. 000 1868

Fort Smith Ark

Aug 10 1868.

Lieut Col P.

A Gen'l & Agent.

Has received order
discontinuing the
Agency at Ft Smith,
states that he has a
small quantity of
clothing and Bureau
stores on hand and
asks what to do with
it.

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Office Bureau R.D. & A.L.
Fort Smith, Ark. Aug. 10th 1868.

Lieut. S. W. Mills
A.A.A. Genl. B.R.D. & A.L.
Little Rock, Ark.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Circular No. 7. dated Office Asst. Comr. Little Rock, Ark. Aug. 4th 1868. stating that the Bureau Agency at this place will be discontinued after the 15th inst.

There is a small amount of Clothing and Bureau Stores on hand - please inform me what disposition I shall make of them.

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Pinkney Lugenbeel
Lt. Col. 19th U.S. Infty. Agt. B.R.D. & A.L.

Little Rock Ark.

Septbr 9. 1868.

Chas J. Holt

for

H. Page D.C.

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept 9th, 1868.

Col. Putney Eugenbel.

Agent Bureau R. F. & A. L.

Fort Smith Ark's

Col.

In reply to a communication signed. Thos. G. Scott, referred here by you, regarding the claim of Geo Hood. I have the honor to inform you that no funds in payment of such claim have been received nor have I as yet been informed of it settlement.

I am. Colonel

Very respectfully

Your Obdt Servt.

Chas. J. Hewlt

In absence of Cpt H. Page.

Little Rock, Ark.

October 2nd 1868.

Paym. Henry

Disbursing Officer.

Little Rock Ark.

October 2nd 1868

Paym. Henry

Disbursing Officer

Disbursing Office B. R. F. and A. L.

Little Rock, Ark., October 2d, 1868.

Lieut. P. Engenbeel.
Fort Smith Arks.

Lieut.

I have the honor to enclose herewith Plans & Specifications for finishing a school house at Van Buren Ark. for exhibition in your office. I also enclose copy of an advertisement for insertion in the "New Era" which please cause to be published in two issues directing that bills for same (accompanied by duplicate specimens of the ~~same~~ adv't) be sent to this office for settlement. Please caution bidders of the necessity of mailing their bids that they may reach this office on or before the 14th

Very respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Wm Rego
Disby Officer

Roll 8

Target 8

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

Register of Labor Contracts
Volume (78) Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867

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Record of Contracts approved by Supt. "R. F. & C. Ld." at Fort Smith, Ark. in 1866

1866.

	Employer	Employee	Date	Fees		Remarks
	J. H. Perkins	Jerre Ballard	Mar 27/66			
2	Keating, D. D.	Thos. Keating	Aug. 14	1	10	
3	Capt. H. [illegible]	Lucinda Colvin	"			
"	" "	Henry Colvin	"			
"	" "	Lane Harrison	"			
	" "	Lee Henderson	"			
5	[illegible]	[illegible]	" 31	1	10	Work on Livery stable
6	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sept. 3	1	10	Work on farm at $1.00 per day
	[illegible]	[illegible]	" 11			" " $20.00 per mo
"	" "	Bird Curd	" "			" " 20.00 " "
"	" "	Jeff Richards	" "			" " " " "
"	[illegible]	Henry Sims	" 17	1	10	" " " " "
"	Louis A"	Louis Allen	" "			
				$3	30	

1866.

1	R. A. Gatlin	Landon Bryans	Jan. 1.	1	10	
2	T. L. Thorpple	Saml. Sheppard	" "	1	10	Paid
"	" "	Calvin Moore	" "			
3	Agnes O. Churchill	Lewis Hays	" "			
"	Lieut. Pinckney	Adam Corsen	" "			
"	W. T. England	Andrew Pettis	" "			
4	" "	Henry Pettis	" "			
"	" "	James Pettis	" "			
5	" "	Geo. W. Ricks	" "			
"	" "	Nelson Goodwin	" "			
6	" "	Isaac Cogs	" "			
"	" "	Sandy Simpson	" "			
7	" "	Isham Cogs	" "	1	00	"
8	" "	Glenn Pettis	" "			
9	Ward H. Bailey	America Harlan	" "	1	10	"
10	Hickory Rogers	Robt. Dunsenberry	" 14	1	10	To raise a crop on the shares
16	T. L. Thorpse	John Tyler Dick Fisher Albert Large	" "	1	10	"

Record of Contracts 1867 Continued

No.	Employer	Employer	Date	Fees $	Fees cts.	Remarks
12	Edward Hunt	Wm. Harvey	Jan. 14	1	10	Paid
13	Saml. Hays	Sayal. White &	" 22			
		Saml Walters		1	00	"
14	W. A. Richardson	John Huddleston	" 15	1	10	"
15	J. C. Rowland	Eugene Arbuckle	" 31	1	10	
16	Joseph Reed	Saml. French	Feb. 2			
"	"	Alfred French	" "	1	10	"
17	B. F. Hershey	Albert Duesenburg	" 11	1	10	"
18	W. F. England	Robert Miller				
19	E. S. Harlin	Albert Colley	Feb. 12	1	10	

Record of Communications

No.	Date and place where written: Year	Month	Day	Place	Name and rank of writer: Name	Rank	To whom written	Summary of contents
1	1866	Oct.	17	Little Rock Ark.	Wm. M. Colby	Genl. Supt Fr. Schools for Ark.	Brvt. Chas Banghaf	Requesting Monthly Reports of Teachers — arrangements made to supply Teachers — wants to know what part of expense can be paid by Freedmen
2	"	"	22	" " "	H. Skinner	Brvt. Col. & A.D.C.	" " "	Enclosing Checks Nos. 42 & 43 in payment of vouchers of J. A. Hammersly ($37.50) and H. W. Bailey ($2.00)
3	"	Nov	2	Fort Smith "	Chas Banghaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. & Supt B.	A. Skinner	Account Current for the month of October 1866.
4	"	"	1	" " "	" "	" " " "	Wm. M. Colby	About 65 out of 80 are able to pay for Schooling — but are going to settle on Grand Prairie — want a school there
5	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	Genl. Sprague	Letter of transmittal with Monthly Report of October 1866.
6	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	" "	Reports that no Indentures of Apprenticeship were made or approved during the month of October 1866.
7	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	" "	Transcript Report for the month of October 1866 —
8	"	"	7	Little Rock "	Henry Page	Brvt. Col. & A.D.C.	" "	Rations issued to orphans — Colored people mooving to Grand Prairie
9	"	Oct.	29	Washington D.C.	Stradt Eldridge	A. A. A. Genl.	Capt. Chas Banghaf	Inclosing Checks 5 & 6 for Hammersly and Bailey
10	"	Nov.	13	Fort Smith Ark.	Chas Banghaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Supt. &c.	" "	Circular Letter — furnished by Maj. Taylor — Transportation.
11	"	"	12	Little Rock "	John Tyler	" " A.A.A. Genl.	John Tyler	Report of Freedmen under contract — Contracts kept, broken &c.
12	"	"	10	" " "	Henry Page	Brt. Col. & A.D.C.	Chas Banghaf	Letters of trans. accompanying soldiers claims — give name rank Co & Regt of claimant
13	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " "	" "	Inclosing triplicate receipts for funds ($5.20/100)
14	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " "	" "	Receipt for Funds ($5.30/100)
15	"	"	18	Fort Smith "	Chas Banghaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Supt. &c.	" "	Returning voucher of V. Dell, for signature
16	"	"	6	Little Rock "	John Tyler	" " A.A.A. Genl.	Lt. Col. Henry Page A.D.C.	Ford. Property Return for Oct. 1866.
17	"	"	27	" " "	" "	" " " "	Capt. Chas Banghaf	Requiring Abstract of all vouchers given for purchase of articles
18	"	Dec.	1	Fort Smith "	Chas Banghaf	" " Supt. &c.	" "	Referring to "Equalization Act"
19	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	Genl. E.D.C. Brd A.C.	Manuscript Report for Nov. 1866.
20	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	" "	Letter of Transmittal
21	"	"	17	" " "	" "	" " " "	Wm. M. Colby	Inclosing Report of Mrs Nickells school for Nov. 1866.
22	"	"	19	" " "	" "	" " " "	Henry Page A.D.C. Brvt. Col.	Transmitting Property Return &c. for Nov. 1866.
23	"	"	15	Little Rock "	John Tyler	" " A.A.A. Genl	Genl. E.D.C. Brd A.C.	Acknowledging receipt of Circular No. 28 — school Contracts — Colonization etc.
24	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	Capt. Chas Banghaf	Receipt & Invoices of Clothing
25	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	" "	desiring him to look after clothing shipped to Fort Gibson C.N.
26	"	"	20	" " "	" "	" " " "	" "	"Homestead Act" — Colonization — Land Offices — Genl. Land Office etc.
27	"	"	31	Fort Smith "	Chas Banghaf	" " Supt. &c.	" "	Authorizing purchase of office furniture for Bureau R.F. & A.L.
28	"	"	24	Little Rock "	Henry Page	Brvt. Col. & A.D.C.	Genl. E.D.C. Brd A.C.	Reporting No Indentures made or approved during the month of Dec. 1866.
29	1867	Jan.	1	Fort Smith "	Chas Banghaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Supt. &c.	Capt. Chas Banghaf	Acknowledging receipt of Property Return for Nov. 1866.
30	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " " "	Genl. E.D.C. Brd A.C.	Manuscript Report for Dec. 1866.
31	1866	Dec.	16	Little Rock "	John Tyler	" " A.A.A. Genl.	" "	Letter of transmittal
32	"	"	27	" " "	" "	" " " "	Capt. Chas Banghaf	Official copy of Circular Letter from A.D. Genl A.G. Genl to Post Commanders — furnish troops to arrest criminals.
33	"	"	26	Washington D.C.	Henry W. Whittelsey	Brvt Brig. Genl & Chief Z.M. B. of R.F. & A.L. [A.A.A. Genl.	" "	By Act 63d U.S.C.V. & 4th U.S.C. Arty (Negro) not entitled to the benefits of the "Equalization Act"
34	"	"	31	Little Rock Ark	John Tyler	Capt U.S.C. Bt. Maj. U.S.A.	" "	Transmitting Bureau Manual Circular 45 & 46 Chief Z.M. Bureau R.F. & A.L.
							" "	Authorizing the purchase of Stove and Stove furniture for use of Hospitals B. of R.F. & A.L.

Record of

No.	Date and place where written: Year	Month	Day	Place	Name and rank of writer: Name	Rank
35	1866	Dec.	27	Little Rock Ark.	John Tyler	Capt. U.S.C. Bt. Maj. vols. A.A.G.
36	1867	Jan	2	" " "	E.D.C. Ord	Bt. Maj Genl Asst Comr. R.F.&
37	"	"	10	" " "	"	"
38	1866	Dec	22	Washington City	Ed. Schriver	Inspector Genl.
39	1867	Jan	14	Little Rock Ark	Henry Page	Bt. Col. U.S.A.
	"	"	12			
40	"	"	12	" " "	"	"
41	"	"	21	" " "	E.D.C. Ord	Bt. Maj. Genl. Asst Comr. R.F.&
42	1866	Dec	24	" " "	"	"
43	1867	Jan	31	" " "	Henry Page	Bt. Col & A.A.M. A.A.A.G.
44	"	Feb	7	Ft Smith "	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt B. &c.
45	"	"	2	Little Rock "	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.A.M.
45	"	"	1	" " "	" "	" " "
46	"	"	"	" " "	" "	" " "
47	"	"	3	" " "	" "	" " "
48	"	"	2	Little Rock "	Henry Page	Bt. Col & A.M. A.A.A.G.
49	"	"	7	" "	" "	"
50	"	Jan	24	War Dept. Washington	O.O. Howard	Maj. Genl. Comr.
51	"	Feb.	16	Fort Smith Ark.	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt &c
52	"	"	"	"	"	"
"	"	"	"	"	"	"
53	"	"	"	"	"	"
56	"	"	4	War Dept. Washington	Henry W. Whittlesey	Brig. Gen. & Chf. D.M.
57	"	"	25	Ft. Smith Ark	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Supt &c
58	"	"	27	"	"	"
59	"	"	18	Little Rock, Ark.	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.A.M.
59½	"	"	23	" "	John Tyler	A.A.A.G.
60	"	"	18	" "	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.A.M.
61	"	"	21	" "	Jno Tyler	A.A.A.Gen.

Communications

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To whom written	Summary of contents
A.A.G. Capt Chas Bauzhaf	Directing that copies of circulars Nos 30 and 32 be furnished to the Judges and J.P. in District
" " "	Circular Letter — When detachments of troops are serving without other commissioned officers than Agents such Agents to report to Chf. Q.M. Dept and Chf. C.S. Dept. &c.
" Genl. E.D.C. Ord Asst. Comr.	Private Instructions Directing that officers in charge of public property take the necessary precautions to prevent its destruction or damage by fire. &c.
" Capt. Chas Bauzhaf Supt &c.	Enclosing Check for one Hundred and forty seven $\frac{50}{100}$ in payt. vouch. of Bailey Hammonds and Reis.
" " " "	Requiring "Abstract" of purchase vouchers
" " " "	Circular Letter — Supts. allowed but one room Will send C. Cav. to rout murders — will remove freedmen if necessary from the county
Capt. J.S. Taylor Supt. Hamburg Ashley County	Circular Letter — occupation of rooms rented by B. as sleeping apartments or quarters
Capt. Chas. Bauzhaf	reply to the above — in the negative
Bt. Col Page A.A.A.G.	~~Report of Inductees for Jan. 1867~~
~~E.D.C. Ord Bt. Maj. Genl. &c.~~	Report of Inductees for January 1867.
E.D.C. Ord Bt. Maj. Genl.	Letter Transmittal Jany reports "
Henry Page Bt. Col. A.A.A.G.	Manuscript report for January 1867
D.C. Ord Bt. Maj. Genl. Asst. Comr.	Accompanying Bureau officer Manual
Capt Chas. Bauzhaf Supt.	Inclosing Check for $177.50/100
J.S.C. Rowland A.A. Surg.	directing that no steps be made for Contracts summons to appear in answer to charges of Harriet Egan — for debt — $45.00.
Bt. Maj. Genl. Ord, Asst Comr	Same
V.V. Milton	witness Subpoena to attend
John A. Elliott	Summons
J.K. Sprangler, Albert Knox Lydia Rus	
" " " "	
Capt. Chas Bauzhaf	Transmitting Circulars 1, 2, 3. '67 from Comr. and Circular No. 1 from Chf. Q.M. Bureau
John Stryker, Mayor of Fort Smith City	Asking that the City take some measures toward relieving its suffering poor
Genl. E.D.C. Ord, Asst. Comr.	Transmitting Testimony taken concerning the Shooting of Asst. Douglas, by John Stokes, Policeman.
Capt. Chas. Bauzhaf	Trans. Returns for Jan. 67. for correction
" " "	Assistance to be given to Freedmen in selecting lands
" " "	Inclosing Chk. for January 1867
" " "	inclosing Circular Circular No. 5 A.G.S. for dist. among Civil Magistrates

Record of Communications

No.	Date and place when written: Year	Month	day	Place	Name and Name	Rank of writer Rank
62	1867	Feb.	18	Little Rock, Ark.	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.D.C.
63	"	"	22	" " "	"	"
64	"	Mar.	1	Ft. Smith "	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt &c.
66	"	"	"	"	"	"
67	"	"	4	"	"	"
68	"	"	1	"	"	"
69	"	"	2	"	Alfred Fredberg	1st Lieut. 19th U.S. Infty.
70	"	"	"	"	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt. 5th U.S.C. Supt &c.
71	"	Feb.	25	Little Rock "	Jno. Tyler	1st Lt. 43d Infty, a.a.a.g.
72	"	Mar.	—	Fort Smith "	John Stryker	Mayor, City Fort Smith
73	"	Feb.	26	War Dept.	A.M. Gangwer	for Auditor
74	"	Mar.	1	Little Rock Ark.	Wm. M. Colby	Genl. Supt Schools for Ark.
75	"	"	5	" " "	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.D.C.
76	"	"	"	" " "	John Tyler	1st Lieut 43d Infty a.a.a.g.
77	"	"	7	Fort Smith "	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt. 5th U.S.C. Agent B.R.F. &c.
78	"	"	12	" " "	"	"
79	"	"	13	" " "	"	"
80	"	"	"	" " "	"	"
81	"	"	12	Little Rock "	W.A. Patterson	Clk. for Col. Page
82	"	"	9	" " "	John Tyler	1st Lieut 43d Infty a.a.d.c.
83	"	"	12	" " "	"	"
84	"	"	9	" " "	"	"
85	"	"	13	" " "	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.D.C.
86	"	Feb.	26	War Department	Geo. H. Ballock	Bt. Brig. Genl. and Chf. D.O.
87	"	Mar.	16	Little Rock Ark.	John Tyler	1st Lieut 43d Infty a.a.a.g.
88	"	"	"	" " "	"	"
89	"	"	15	" " "	"	"
90	"	"	"	" " "	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & A.D.C.
91	"	"	27	Fort Smith "	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Agent B. of R.F. & A.
92	"	"	28	" " "	"	"
93	"	"	21	Little Rock "	John Tyler	1st Lieut 43d Infty a.a.a.g.
94	"	"	"	War Dept.	Henry W. Whittlesey	Bt. Brig. Genl. and Chf. 2d Div. B. of R.F. & A.L.
96	"	Apr.	1	Fort Smith Ark.	Chas. Banzhaf	Capt 5th U.S.C. Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.

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To whom written	Summary of Contents
Capt. Chas. Banghaf	Inclosing Triplicate rcts. for Jan. Fund R. & F.
"	Requiring accounts rendered
Lt. Col. C. Ord. Asst. Genl.	Manuscripts for accounts rendered
"	Report for Feby, 1867
"	Report of Indentures Acknowledgments for Jan. 1867.
"	Trans. Returns for Feb. 1867.
Capt. Chas. Banghaf	Granting request for horses, for Freed. from Georgia to go into the country to look at lands
Lt. Col. Page, A.A.G.	Trans. Property papers for Jany. corrected
Capt. Chas Banghaf, Supt.	Inquiries relative to the Colored Schools in the City
" " "	Stating that the Colored Schools of Georgetown
" " "	B.R.F. & A.L. are unable to furnish
" " "	accounts for Jany. Returns for
" " "	received. its Poor-house, Jail, &c. &c.
" " "	School Report for January 1867
" " "	asking that requisition for Stationery for Jany 1867. not rec'd.
" " "	West. Douglas be made
" " "	John Potter action in the case immediately
" " "	reporting existence to be advised
Lt. Col. C. Ord. Asst. Genl.	Mr. Smart returned from lo- of an
"	acknowledging cality order
"	receipt of Circulars made organized
"	Reports were letter dated Oct. 28, 1867. reports Band
"	sent as usual asks to have plenty in Scott County
"	the blanks good also
"	office for Coroner's use in this and
"	Reports in sent that Scott County
"	no blanks their forms is subject
"	to as required
"	School Reports
Lieut. Tyler, Lieut. A.A.A.G.	sending Asst. "D" & vouch. to Asst. "L" for signature
Capt. Wm. Colby, Supt. Schools	Requesting etc. locality of
Capt. Chas. Banghaf	Directing Circular lands
" "	occupied by Fred.
" "	Circular No. 7. not suspended Currit Colony in
" "	by any Circular Series Franklin
" "	Circular of date — Sounding,
" "	Circular No. 7. not to be printed Bainbridge,
" "	suspended Currit Series Section
" "	by any Circular of date — number
" "	Agents to use their own discretion as to advertisement in retaining prisoners
" "	Inclosing Check for Feby Account R & F. Fund for Jany. rec'd.
" "	Inclosing Names of Colonists from Georgia in answer to No. 7.
" "	Colored delegation referring Purchasers arrival for guidance,
" "	vouchers should Land Office to Circular
" "	State is be opened No. 31. Series of 1866.
" "	explicitly as to what address
" "	for what purpose Abram Lee, care
" "	the are of John J. Dougherty, Esq.
" "	titles Lawrenceville Ga.
" "	In ans. to Com. of 9th inst. Location of Lands will
" "	acknowledging rect. of Com. 7 inst. referring Lands be ascertained
" "	Circular 16th inst. to organized and reported.
" "	Letter directing Agents to receive Land soon as
" "	Order Authorizing purchase for 10th U.S. Colored have Lt. Smith no further dirctns.
Lieut. Tyler, 1st Lt. 2nd Lieut. U.S.A. Asst. Genl.	required with Col. Regiment purchaser Voucher
Capt. Chas Banghaf	Trans. Monthly Reports for March 1867
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No.	Date			Place where written	Name and Rank of writer	
	Year	Month	Day	Place	Name	Rank
76	1867	Apr.	1	Fort Smith Ark.	Chas. Baughaf	Capt. 5th U. R. C. Agent B. of R. F. & a.
97	"	Mar.	4	War Department	A. P. Ketchum	a. a. a. Genl.
98	.	Apr.	1	Little Rock, Ark.	Henry Page	Bt. Col. & a. D. M.

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...whom written	Summary of Contents
A.D.C. & Ord. Bt. Maj. Genl. U.S. Army Asst. Comr. B.R.F. & A.L.	Manuscript report for March 1867. 5 Orphans — Rations 580, value $73.95 Under Med. Treat. — Ref. 10. Freed. 10, Total 20 7 Contracts approved — demand for Rations increasing — Civil authorities doing nothing
Capt. Chas. C. Baughaf. Agent B. of R.F. & A.L.	Appointing J. A. Hammesly, Clerk in the B. of R.F. & A.L. in the State of Arkansas — By order of Maj. Genl. O.O. Howard, Comr.
"	In answer to Comr. 25. Mar. 1867. Abstract of Purchase vouchers issued for Feby. 1867. required. Complied with

Cash

			Dr.	Cr.
Sept.	27	Rec'd fee for contract and Blank	1 10	
"	28	" " " "	1 10	
"	29	" " " "	1 10	
Oct.	12	" " " for Registering contract between Louis Moore & Louis Walker	1 00	
Nov	20	" " " from Flowers	1 10	

Roll 8

Target 9

SUBORDINATE FIELD OFFICES
Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

Register of Application for Restoration of Property, Register of Marriages, and Register of Persons Drawing Rations
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Fort Smith Ark.

Applications for restoration of property.

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Returned

Nov. 30th 65. #110. H. A. Handy appears & claims a large walnut business desk, & proves property by testimony of R. M. Johnson. This desk is identified as having belonged to R. P. Pelham & by him turned over to Mr. Handy about four years ago.

1865 Dr. Nicholas Spring Applies for piano now used in family of S Thompson.

The dr proves property by testimony of Mrs. Belle Ward. This is the piano formerly in use by dr Swasey

Order Given to Dr Spring for this instrument Nov. 20, 65.

Nov 20th J.R. Kanady as administrator claims two counting tables with drawers now in use by Joseph Brogan and one other such table now in use By Mr Fuller. as property belonging to the estate of Thomas Guiseuberry deceased

21 upon the sworn testimony of John Striker James a Davis this property is identified as belonging to the Estate of Thos Guiseuberry deceased And an order is issued this 21st day of Nov 1865. for the delivery of said property to the administrator J.R. Kanady.

21 Order & the return of a Quit claim to John Page & Choctaw. lots 1. 2. 3. Blk 13 Wayne & Sycamore. St. does not appear that this property was ever properly seized by the U.S. Treasy. agency or the Bureau of Ref. &c. though taken at Pinelon by the Military. While said Page was known to be in armed hostility to Govt U. States.

22 d 11 G.J. Lewis lots 11 & 12 Blk 5 city Ft Smith by Special Orders 86 Oct. 12. 65. Asst. comm. Brig Genl J.W. Sprague

Nov 25 Appears this day. G.J. Lewis principal. and Edward. Bramikow a witness. & testify Under Oath that certain Store Shelves & drawers now in the Store Room occupied by H.E. Meek &c. are the property of G.J Lewis. which property was received from the Store Room of the said G.J. Lewis (known as the Store of Lewis & Navarre) in the Summer of 1864 by J. Stowell. & put up in the Store where said property now is being thus

(over)

O.C. Wood.

in case by Grimes Brown & Riley. Now therefore it is ordered that said property be immediately restored to said O.C. Wood the original and lawful owner thereof.

By decree of U.S. Dist. Court for the Western Dist. of the State of Ark. begun in Open Session on the 2d Monday of Nov. 1865 the following described property as the property of O.C. Wood was released from Libel of information for confiscation & the U.S. Marshal was ordered to return said property to the possession & custody of said O.C. Wood. Viz. the S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 7 & other lands the property of O.C. Wood. An endorsement on the order of the Court releasing this property from the controly of my office was made by clerk. Nov 27th 65.

Nicholas Spring

63-
Nov 30

By decree of the Same court held as above, the U.S. Marshal was ordered to return to the Said Nicholas Spring the possession & custody of the property libelled in his case" viz. lots 9. 10. 11. 12 in Block 28: lots 3 & 4. 9. 10. in Blk. 10, and pt. of lots 3, 4 in Blk 9. also, lots 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 in Blk. P. and other property libelled as the property of Nicholas Spring.

Jno. R. A. Hendry appears & claims a large walnut business desk. & proves property by testimony of R.M. Johnson. this desk is identified as having been the property of R. P. Pulliam & by him turned over to Mr Hendry. about four years ago.

Order Given accordingly.

9- 10. in Blk 10. and part of lots 3. & 4. in Blk 9- lots 1. 5-6. 7. 8. 9. in Blk. P. City of Fort Smith ark and other property libelled as the property of Nicholas Spring.

1865
Dec 2. Appeared before me. this 2d day of Dec 65. W.W. Fleming & Chas. A Fleming and testified by under oath that a certain Iron Salamander Safe. Numbered one thousand and thirty two (132) and now in use by us the Post Hospital Bell Grove Seminary is the property of W.W. Fleming.

In order for delivery of Said Safe is given accordingly.

Jan 6 66 It appearing by the testimony of R.M. Johnson & John Bickel that a certain Counter table now used in the Store room of J.W. Fuller, is the property of R.M. Johnson it is therefore ordered that Said counter table be delivered to Said R. M. Johnson

Marriages

1865
Nov 25 — Married Nelson Coll[illegible] and Maria colored having been previously living to gether three weeks Nelson is a Fed Soldier Co "H" 57th N.S. Cold. Regt. is 30 years old. and Maria his wife is about 24. years old. & Gave the party a certificate of Marriage as Nelson Coll[illegible] and Maria his Wife
1 — Francis Springer
Post Chaplin

Nov 28 — Maried John Shields of Co "H" 57. N.S. Cold Regt. and Elizabeth Wagner the former 23 and the latter 22 years of Age. and Gave them a certificate thereof according to Law
2 — Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin & Supt Ref

Nov 29th — Married Ryal Miles a colored citizen, aged 31 years. and Linda aged 26 years. and gave them a certificate thereof according to Law of the Bureau of Ref. F. & ab. Lands
3 — Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. & ab. L.

Dec 2 — Married Edward Thompson of Co. K. 57th N.S. Cold. Regt. Aged 35 years. and Jane aged 23 years. Both Colored and Gave them a certificate thereof according to Law
4 — Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt R[illegible]

Dec 4th — Married William Kirkwood aged 23 years. of Co "G" 57th N.S. Cold Infty. And Della ann Ellenburg aged 20 years. Giving Certificate of the fact.
5 — Francis Springer
Post Chaplin
Supt Ref. [illegible]

1865

Dec 14th 6 — Married James Brown aged 25 years. and Catarissa Miller aged 23 years. both Colored. and gave them a certificate therof. according to Law of the Bureau R.F.L.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. & abd. L.

Dec 17 7 — Married Edward Woodson Co "A" 57th U.S. Colrd Infty aged 29 years. and Emiline Bolin. aged 20 years. and gave them a certificate thereof.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin & supt. R.F.L.

Dec 22d 8 — Married Charles Perry aged 22 years. and Susan Gunter. aged 21 Years. both Freedmen of Sebastien Co Ark and gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and Supt. R.F.L.

Dec 24th 9 — Married John McClure of Co D 57th U.S. Colrd Infty. aged 26 years. and Maria Powell aged 16 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. and abd. L

Dec 24th 10 — Married David Skipper of Co D 57th U.S Colrd Infantry aged 38 years. and Caroline Holtcomb aged 37 years and gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and Supt
Ref. F. and Abd. Laws.

Dec 24th 11 — Married Thomas Williams Colrd aged 27 year. and Martha Kase aged 29 years. both citizens. and gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. and Abd L

1865

Dec 24th 12 — Married John Jenkins of Co "C" 57th U.S. Colrd Infty. aged 32 Years. and Hattie aged 26 Years. And Gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. & abd. L.

Dec 25th 13 — Married Burl Easam of Co F 57th U.S. Colrd Infty aged 28 Years. and Silvia Ann Young aged 27 years. and Gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt R.F.L.

Dec 25th 14 — Married Isaac McDaniel of Co F 57th U.S. Colrd Infty Regt. aged 28 years. and Gracie Hall Aged 27 Years. and Gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt. Ref. F. & abd. L.

Dec 28th 15 — Married Peter Harris Craig of Co "B" 57th U.S. Colrd. Infty Regt aged 36 Years. and Elizabeth aged 35 years. and Gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref. F. & L.

Dec 28 16 — Married Samuel Nicholas Orderly Sergt Co "E" 57th U.S. Colrd Infty. Regt aged 35 years. and Jane Jones aged 17 years. and Gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt R.F. & L.

The foregoing Sixteen Marriage records were copied into this Book as a permanent Repository of such records by my Clerk. Geo. W. Wootten, in January 1866.

Francis Springer, Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

1865-
Dec 22d. Gave certificate of Marriage to Doctor Franklin aged 43 years and his wife Parilla aged 18 years. this Party was Married by November 18 1864. the record of the Marriage was lost and the record here made is in lieu thereof. Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin and
Supt Ref F & abd L.

Jan 2d 17 Married William Bliss of Co "A" 57th U.S. Colored Infty, Regt, aged 22 years. and Amanda aged 20 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly.
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt R, F. & abd L.

Jan 3d 18 Married Oliver Smith of Co "H" 57th U.S. Infty aged 24 years. and Sally aged 22 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly.
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt Ref F. & abd L.

Jan 4th 19 Married Benj Franklin Webster aged 18 years. of Grayson Co Texas. and Lavina Jane Edwards of Sebastian Co Arkansas and Gave Certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt R, F, L.

Jan 7th 20 Married Thomas Jackson of Sebastian Co ark aged 23 years. and catharine Ross of Same County & State aged 24 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly.
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt Ref. F. & L.

Jan 8th 21 Married John Flannagan of Co "B" 57 U.S. Col Infty Regt aged 20 years. and Lucy aged 24 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplin &
Supt. Ref. F. & L.

The Marriage records on this page were transcribed into this Book by my Clerk, Geo. W. Wootten, in the Month of January 1866. Francis Springer
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Jan. 8. Married John Flannagan of Co. B, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 35 years and Lucy aged 24 years. And gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 10th 23 Married Daniel Williams of Co. G. 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 45 years, and Mattie aged 25 years, and gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 10th 24 Married Robert Carney of Co. G, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 35 years. and Mary Frances aged 34 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly.
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 13th 25 Married Thomas Robison of Co. H. 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 48 years. And Clarissa aged 40 years, & gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 18th 26 Married Nathaniel Carter of Co. H, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 22 years, and Lucy Cole aged 20 years, & gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan 23d 27 Married General L. Hand aged 31 years and Elizabeth Treding aged 24 years, both citizens of S. Sebastian County, Arkansas. & gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain.

Jan. 28th 28 Married Charlie Smith of Co. B, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 26 years. and Mary Ann Smith aged 30 years, & gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 28 29 Married Thomas Busby of Co. B, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 21 years. And Bennie Walker, aged 18 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Jan. 29th 30 Married Albert Pennington of Co. K. 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 28 years, And Elizabeth Jane Alexander aged 21 years, & gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

Feb. 2d 31 Married Robert Evens of Co. B, 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 22 years. and Julia, aged 21 years. and gave them a certificate accordingly
Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R.F.L.

32 Married Marion Christian Bierman of [illegible] County, Ark. aged 23 years, and Minnie of Same County aged 17 years & gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Feb. 11th 33 Married Levi Weber of Co. H, 57th U.S. Colds Infy. aged 21 Years, and Katie Brown aged 17 Years, and gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Feb. 11th 34 Married Anderson Lock of Co. F. 57th U.S. Cold. Infy. aged 22 years, and Rosa Weber, aged 20 years, and gave them a certificate accordingly.

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Feb. 11th 35 Married Nathaniel Williams of Co. D. 57th U. S. Cold. Infy. aged 25 Years, and Martha Sanger aged 17 Years, and gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Feb. 19 36 Married Isaac Brown of Choctaw Nation, aged 21 Years, and Rachael Walker of Same Place, aged 22 Years, & gave them a certificate accordingly

Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

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Feb. 21st Married John Dovey of Co. B - 57th U.S. Colrd Inft. aged 39 years, And Ann Kripe aged
373. 30 years. And gave them a certificate accordingly Francis Springer.
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

Feby. 27th. Married Duncan Walker of the Choctaw Nation aged 23 years, and
38 Jane Laflure of Same place aged 22 years. And gave them a certificate accordingly Francis Springer,
Post Chaplain &
Supt. R. F. L.

March 1st. Married William M. Peoples of Crawford Co.
Aged 47 years and Sarah Jane Anderson of
34 Same Co. Aged 17 years, And gave them a certificate accordingly.

May 27 Married on this 27th day of May 1866. at Fort-
Smith Ark. a Mr. Samuel Dean of Sebastian Co
41. Ark. aged 24 years. & Emma Dixon of Sebastian
Co Ark. aged 19. years. by Rev. F. Springer
Post Chaplain Certificate on file in
Office Sup. B. R. F. & A. L.

May 13 Married on this 13th Day of May 1866 at Fort-
41 Smith Ark. Nelson Dawson of Co. G. 57 U.S.C.I.
Aged 25 years. and Tinkie Nicklos of Seb.
Co Ark. aged 19 years. by Rev. F. Springer
Chaplain U.S.A Certificate on file in
Office Bureau R.F. & A.L.

May 10. 1866 — Married on this 10th day of May 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. James Scott of Co G 57 U S C Inft aged 35 years and Harriet Bennett of Sebastian Co Ark aged 23 years by Francis Springer Chaplain U S A. Certificate on file in Office B R F & A L.

April 29 1866 — Married on this 29 day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Joseph Grey of Co F 57 U S C Inft aged 36 years and Margaret Wheeler of Seb. Co Ark aged 22 years by Francis Springer Chaplain U S A. Certificate on file in Office Supt Bureau R F & A L.

April 19. 1866 — Married on this 19th day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Andrew Jackson of Co "E" 57th U S C I. aged 25 years & Louisa Sparks of Sebastian Co Ark aged 23 years by Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U S A. Certificate on file in Office Supt B R F & A L.

April 15th 1866 — Married on this 15th day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Wm Davis of Co "D" 57th U S C Inf aged 21 years and Arnette Brooks of Sebastian Co Ark aged 19 years by Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U S A. Certificates on file in Office Supt B. R. F. & A L.

April 8th 46 — Married on this 8th day of April 1866. in Fort Smith Ark. Wm Jackson of Co. "E" 54th U.S.Col. aged 30 years. and Louisa Doughezly of Sebastain Co. Ark. aged 21. years. by Rev. F. Springer Chaplain U. S. A. Certificate on file in Office Supt. B R F. & A L.

April 7. 47 — Married on this 7. day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Elias Henson of Co "C" 57 U S C Infy aged 26 years. and Mrs. Ida Stanley of Sebastain Co Ark aged 24 years by Rev. F. Springer Chaplain U. S. A. Certificate on file in the Office Supt B R F & A L.

March 8/66 48 — Married on this 8th day of March 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. John Washington of Co "E" 57 U S C. Infy aged 25 years and Mary Owens of Sebastain Co Ark aged 17 years. by Rev. F. Springer Chaplain U.S.A. — Certificate on file in the Office Supt B. R F & A Lo.

Mar 29/66 49 — Married on this 28th day of March 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Harrison Reed of Linn Co. Kansas aged 24 years. and Annie Knox. of Sebastian Co Ark aged 23 years by Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U.S.A. Certificate on file in the Office Supt B. R. F. & A. Lo.

March 31 56 — Married on this 31st day of March 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Henry Connely of Co E. 5th U S C Inf. aged 21 years and Ida Casken of Sebastian Co Ark. aged 18 years by Rev. F. Springer Chaplain U.S.A. — Certificate on file in Office Supt B R F & A L.

March 31st 51 — Married on this 31st day of March 1866 at Fort Smith Ark Samuel Emerson of Co "L" 5th U S C Inf aged 27 years and Caroline of Sebastian Co Ark aged 20 years by Rev. Francis L. Springer Chaplain U.S.A. Certificate on file in the Office Supt B R F & A L.

April 4 52 — Married on this fourth day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. Sergt Porter Bennet of Co E 5th U S C Infty aged 23 years. and Arena Blackman of Sebastain Co Ark aged 18 years. by Rev. F Springer Chaplain U.S.A. Certificate on file in the Office Supt B. R. F & A. L".

April 4th 52 — Married on this fourth day of April 1866 at Fort Smith Ark George Murry of Co "E" 5th U.S.C. Inf aged 24 years and Harriet Magee of Sebastain Co. Ark aged 22 years by Rev. F Springer Chaplain U.S.A. and Certificate on file in office Supt B R F & A L".

54 — Wm. Ward
1866 — Lana Prior
July 31 — Married on this 31st. day of July 1866 at Fort Smith Ark. William Ward Aged 22 years. to Lana Prior, Aged 21 years. both of Sebastian County Ark. By Rev. F. Springer Chaplain U. S. A. Certificate on file in office Supt. B. R. F. & A. L.

55 Hardy Burton
1866 Lovinia Williams
June 2, Married on this 3rd day of June 1866.
By Rev. Francis Springer, Chaplain U.S.A.
Hardy Burton of Sebastian Co. Ark. (formerly of Co. B. 5th U.S.C. Infty.) aged 21 years to Lovinia Williams of Sebastian County Ark. Aged 18 years.
Certificate on file in office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

56 Richard Douglas
1866 Amanda Fulsom
June 3 Married on this 3rd day of June 1866.
By Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U.S.A.
Richard Douglas Aged 21 years to Amanda Fulsom aged 17 years. Both of Sebastian County Ark.
Certificate on file in office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

57 Shelton T. Watson
1866 Esabell Allen
July 29 Married on this 29th day of July 1866
By Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U.S.A.
Shelton T. Watson of Co. G. 5-7th U.S. (Cold.), Aged 20 years. to Esabell Allen of Sebastian County Ark. Aged 16 years.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

58 James Young
1866 Elizabeth
July 31 Married on this 31st. day of July 1866
By Rev. Francis Springer Chaplain U.S.A.
James Young of Co. A. 5-7th U.S.C. Infty. Aged 27 yrs. to Eliza Elizabeth of Sebastian County Ark. Aged 20 years
Certificate on file in ~~this~~ office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

59
1866
Aug. 18,

Robert Lyons
Ellen

Married on this 18th day of August 1866 By Rev. Francis Springer. Robert Lyons of Co. G 57th U.S.C. Infty. Aged 28 years, to Ellen of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 23 years.
Certificate on file in office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

60
1866
Oct. 31

Isaac Francis
Mary Prak

Married on this 31, day of October 1866. By Rev. Francis Springer, Isaac Francis of Co. I 57th U.S.C.I. Regt., ~~and M~~ aged 46 years, and Mary Prak, of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 23 years.
Certificate on file in office Supt. B.R.F. & A.L.

61
1866
Nov. 7.

Major Thompson
Amanda Henry

Married on this 7th. day of November 1866 By Rev. Chaplain Springer Major Thompson, ~~and~~ of Sebastian County Ark. aged 27 years and Amanda Henry of Sebastian County Ark. aged 20 years.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

62
1866
Nov. 15,

Albert Patrick
Emily Colerman

Married on this 15th. day of November 1866 By Rev. Francis Springer Albert Patrick of Sebastian County Ark aged 28 years, and Emily Colerman of Choctaw Nation, aged 18 years.
Certificate on file in Office Supt B. of R.F. & A.L.

63
1866
Nov. 19

Simon Holmes
Hannah Allen

Married on this 19th. day of Novembr 1866. By Rev. Francis Springer Simon Holmes, of Sebastian County Ark., aged 27 years, and Hannah Allen of Sebastian County Ark., aged 19 years.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

64
1866
Nov. 28.

Robert Green
Belle Sanders

Married on this 28th. day of November 1866. By Rev. Francis Springer Robert Green of Sebastian County Ark. aged 27 years, and Belle Sanders of Sebastian County Ark. Aged 21 years.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

65
1866
Dcr. 2nd

Wm. Washington
Susan Paris

Married on this 2nd day of December 1866 By Rev. Francis Springer, William Washington, of Co. K 57th U.S.C. Infty. aged 25 years, and Susan Paris of Sebastian County Ark. aged 19 years
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

66
1867
January 20.

Henderson Blair
Louza Vann

Married on this 20th day of January 1867 by Rev. Francis Springer, Henderson Blair of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 22 yrs. and Louza Vann of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 22 yrs.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R.F. & A.L.

Alexander Lambert } colord
Delia Johnson }

Married on this 21st day of January 1867. by Rev. Francis Springer, Alexander Lambert of Sebastian County Ark. aged 35 yrs. and Delia Johnson of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 23 yrs.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R. F. & a. L.

68
1867
Feby. 10.

Solomon King } colord
Amanda Vernon }

Married on this 10th day of February 1867. by Rev. Francis Springer, Solomon King of Sebastian Co. Ark. grd 26 yrs. and Amanda Vernon of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 19 yrs.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R. F. & a. L.

69
1867
Feby. 24.

Boone Ragsdale } colord
Hester Johnson }

Married on this 24th day of February 1867. by Rev. Francis Springer, Boone Ragsdale of Sebastian County Ark. aged 46 yrs. and Hester Johnson of Sebastian Co. Ark. aged 28 yrs.
Certificate on file in Office Supt. B. of R. F. & a. L.

Name of person Drawing Rations	No. of Adults	No. of children over 1 and under 14 years of age	Aggregate	Date of Issue From	Date of Issue To	No. of days	No. of lbs. of pork	No. of lbs. of bacon	Remarks
				1867	1867				
Angeline Epperson	1	2	3	May 20.	June 20	31	112	16	White
Elizabeth Barnard	1	3	4	" "	" "	"	130	20	"
Mary Reed	1	3	4	" "	" "	"	130	20	"
Nelly Gilbert	1	1	2	" "	" 25	15	37	6	"
Martha Moore	2	2	4	" "	" 21	31	168	24	"
Mary Ball	2	0	2	" 21	" 10	15	56	8	"
Martha Brown	2	3	5	" "	" 21	31	70	28	"
Turner Smith	2	3	5	" "	" 5	15	98	14	"
Nancy Majors	1	2	3	" 31	" 31	31	112	16	"
Elizabeth Petty	2	3	6	" "	" "	"	196	28	"
Martha Calahan	2	3	5	" "	" "	"	196	28	Cherokee
Louisinda Horner	2	1	3	" "	" "	"	168	24	"
Sydnie Chambers	1	3	4	" "	" "	"	140	20	" Col.
A. W. White	2	1	3	" "	" "	"	140	20	"
Susan Sinclair	1	3	4	" "	" "	"	140	20	Colord
Herbert Richardson	3	6	9	" "	" "	"	336	48	White
	26	39	65				2159	311	

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Name of Person Drawing Rations	No. of Adults	No. of Children over 1 and under 14 years of age	Aggregate	Date of Issue: From	Date of Issue: To	No. of days	No. of lbs. of bacon	No. of lbs. of corn	Remarks
Hannah Clyde	3	3	6	June 3, 1867	July 3, 1867	20	36	252	Cherokee
Elizabeth Gardenhire	1	4	5	" " "	" " "	"	24	168	White
Lydia Beau	3	1	4	" " "	" " "	"	28	196	Cher.
Margaret Franklin	3	3	6	" " "	" " "	"	36	252	White
Fancy Carr	3	3	6	" " "	" " "	"	36	252	"
Catharine Scarbury	2	1	3	" " "	" " "	"	20	140	"
M. J. Norton	2	4	6	" " "	" " "	"	32	224	"
Elizabeth Wood	3	—	3	" " "	" " "	"	24	168	"
Elizabeth West	3	4	7	" 4 "	" 4 "	"	20	280	"
Mary Workman	5	1	6	" " "	" " "	"	22	308	"
Trynfy Tyler	4	—	4	" " "	" " "	"	—	112	"
S. A. Ellis	1	6	7	" " "	" " "	"	32	224	"
Henry West	6	5	11	" " "	" " "	"	36	476	Colored
Margaret Roberts	2	2	4	" " "	" " "	"	24	168	Cherokee
J. F. Mathis	2	2	4	" " "	" " "	"	28	196	White
E. W. Mathis	1	8	9	" " "	" " "	"	40	280	"
Rachel Pumpry	1	3	4	" " "	" " "	"	20	140	Colored
Matilda Sexton	2	1	3	" " "	" " "	"	20	140	White
J. M. Reid	4	—	4	" " "	" " "	"	32	224	"
Kissiah McKinna	4	—	4	" " "	" " "	"	32	224	"
J. M. Fergerson	4	2	6	" " "	" " "	"	20	140	"
Nancy Goff	2	3	5	" " "	" " "	"	28	196	Cherokee
Malinda Crockett	5	5	10	" " "	" " "	"	30	418	"
Delila Stephens	1	1	2	" 5 "	" 5 "	"	12	84	White
William Moore	4	3	7	" " "	" " "	"	22	308	"
Angelina Adams	4	2	6	" " "	" " "	"	40	280	"
Nancy Jones	2	4	6	" " "	" " "	"	16	224	"
Ezrah Morris	3	3	6	" " "	" " "	"	18	252	"
Sallsbury Pitts	3	2	5	" " "	" " "	"	32	224	"
Patsy Moore	3	2	5	" " "	" " "	"	—	224	"
Adeline Johnson	1	8	9	" " "	" " "	"	40	280	Colored
Anna Lewis	6	—	6	" " "	" 20 "	15	—	168	White
Sarah Davis	4	3	7	" " "	" 4 "	"	22	154	Cherokee
	97	89	186				822	7376	

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Name of person Drawing Rations	No. of Adults	No. of children over 1 and under 14 yrs. of age	Aggregate	Date of Issue From	Date of Issue To	No. of days	No. of lbs. of bacon	No. of lbs. of corn	Remarks
Rona Green	1	3	4	June 5th	July 5th	30	—	140	Colored
India Danesby	2	4	6	"	"	"	16	224	"
Mary Moggan	2	—	2	"	"	"	16	112	White
Peggy Styler	4	2	6	"	"	"	20	224	Cherokee
Azilla Sooters	1	2	3	"	"	June 20	15	— 56	White
Susan Singleton	3	3	6	"	"	July 5	30	18 262	"
Frances Jones	2	4	6	"	6	June 21	15	16 112	"
Adaline Barnard	4	1	5	"	"	July 6	30	24 168	"
Martha White	1	5	6	"	"	"	"	24 168	"
Rachel Whitefield	2	—	2	"	"	"	"	16 112	Colored
Dicy Stafford	4	—	4	"	"	June 21	15	16 112	White
Mary Moore	2	3	5	"	"	July 6	30	28 196	"
Margaret Gleyn	2	3	5	"	"	"	"	28 196	"
Amanda Evans	1	3	4	"	"	"	"	20 140	"
Jackson Campbell	4	3	7	"	"	"	"	44 224	Colored
Betsey Blackhawk	1	4	5	"	"	"	"	12 84	Cherokee
Rachel Shaw	2	5	7	"	7	"	7	" 24 168	White
Sarah Cook	4	3	7	"	"	"	"	24 168	"
Turner Smith	2	3	5	"	"	"	"	14 98	"
Samuel J. Sowels	3	2	5	"	"	"	"	16 112	"
Elizabeth Evans	2	2	4	"	"	"	"	12 74	"
Sarah Jackson	2	5	7	"	"	"	"	24 168	"
Melinda Gregory	2	6	7	"	"	"	"	24 168	"
Amanda Bly	1	3	4	"	"	"	"	16 112	"
Manerva A. Walters	2	—	2	"	6	"	6	" 8 56	"
Betsy Smoker *	2	4	6	"	7	"	7	" 16 112	Cherokee
Mariah Holt *	3	10	13	"	"	"	"	" 36 252	"
[illegible] J. Clayton	3	3	6	"	"	"	"	" 36 126	White
[illegible]by Bartlet	2	1	3	"	"	"	"	" 16 140	Colored
[illegible]ria Ortigher	3	4	7	"	"	"	"	" 20 126	Cherokee
[illegible]ria Lyon	2	4	6	"	"	"	"	" — 112	"
	71	94	165					584 1579	

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Name of person Drawing Rations	No. of Adults	No. Children under 14 yrs. of age	Aggregate	Date of Issue From	Date of Issue To	No. days	No. lbs. Bacon	No. lbs. Corn	Remarks
Caroline Schoate	2	3	5	June 7	July 7	30	10	112	Cherokee
Nancy Garvin	2	2	4	"	"	"	—	56	"
Melinda Worster	1	2	3	"	"	"	8	56	"
Malinda Thornton	1	2	3	"	8	"	8	112	"
Elmira McDonald	1	3	4	"	"	"	8	56	White
John Wilder	2	2	4	"	"	"	12	84	"
Letty McCarley	1	6	7	"	"	"	16	112	Colored
Rosette Wilson	5	—	5	"	"	"	16	112	"
Elizabeth Colbert	1	1	2	"	"	"	—	56	White
Jane Crockett	1	5	6	"	"	"	24	168	Colored
Manuel Robinson	5	2	7	"	"	"	32	224	"
Tofitha Wilson	1	3	4	"	"	"	16	140	White
Susan Putman	1	3	4	"	"	"	12	84	"
Alsey Cherokee	1	1	2	"	"	"	6	40	Cherokee
Lycinda Hughes	3	—	3	"	"	"	—	56	"
Eliza Shoolt	2	5	7	"	"	"	8	84	"
Thos. Rayedel	2	1	3	"	"	"	12	84	
Eliza Kella	1	3	4	"	"	"	12	84	Choctaw
Charlotte Mitchell	2	2	4	"	"	"	8	112	White
Nancy Hogan	1	6	7	"	"	"	12	84	Cherokee
Elizabeth Miller	1	8	9	"	"	"	—	56	"
Penny Bennett	1	3	4	"	"	"	20	140	Colored
Martha Clay	3	5	8	"	10	"	40	280	~~Cherokee~~
Mary Hinnin	2	4	6	"	"	"	16	140	"
Catharine Hummingbird	2	1	3	"	"	"	16	112	"
Lydia Smith	* 3	7	10	"	"	"	24	168	White
Ellen Agnew	+ 3	9	12	"	"	"	40	336	Cherokee
Orpha Reese	+ 2	12	14	"	"	"	40	280	"
Susan Hastuck	2	3	5	"	"	"	16	168	"
Lucinda Turner	1	2	3	"	"	"	16	112	White
Mary Riley	2	4	6	"	"	"	24	168	Cherokee
	58	111	168				480	3876	39

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Name of Person Drawing Rations		No. Adults	No. Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. Days	No. lbs. Bacon	No. lbs. Corn	Remarks	
Anna Martindale		4	3	7	June 10th	30	24	280	White	-
Nancy Blackman		1	3	4	" 11	"	10	70	"	-
Ellen Prine		1	3	4	" "	"	10	70	"	
J. H. Bradshaw		6	4	10	" "	"	24	168	"	-
Catharine Allen		3	—	3	" "	"	24	168	Choctaw	-
Nancy Asbel		3	1	4	" "	"	16	140	White	
Catharine Martindale		3	4	7	" "	"	12	140	"	
James Strawberry	*	7	10	17	" "	"	24	360	"	-
Nathan Traylor		2	2	4	" "	"	—	112	"	
Hannah Starr	*	2	4	6	" "	"	12	84	"	-
Permesii Smalley	*	9	8	17	" "	"	24	336	"	
Nancy Watts	"	2	7	9	" "	"	20	140	Cherokee	-
Martha Anderson	"	10	11	21	" "	"	48	476	White	
Nathan Melton	"	2	6	8	" 12	"	20	140	Cherokee	-
Rachel Brown		1	1	2	" "	"	8	56	"	
J. G. Downey	"	2	6	8	" "	"	28	196	White	-
Osbin Barnard	"	11	8	19	" "	"	38	532	"	
Adam Seaboll		3	2	5	" "	"	16	112	Choctaw	
Randolph Lane		4	6	11	" "	"	—	112	white	-
Ingry Rusk		5	3	8	" "	"	24	168	"	
Nancy Field		1	2	3	" 13	"	—	84	Cher.	-
Robert Mitchell		2	4	6	" "	"	24	168	"	-
Rebecca E. Aldridge	*	7	6	13	" "	"	40	224	white	
Martha McMurtry	*	5	7	12	" "	"	30	196	"	-
Sarah Fox	*	5	4	9	" "	"	16	112	Cher.	
Catharine Soto		2	—	2	" "	"	16	84	white	-
Doctor Franklin	*	4	7	11	" 14	"	24	224	Colored	
Elijah Adams	*	9	12	21	" "	"	48	392	white	-
[illegible] Brown		4	1	5	" "	"	10	140	"	
[illegible] R. Carlyle		2	2	4	" "	"	16	112	"	
[illegible] M. Ledbetter		2	3	5	" "	"	16	140	"	-
		125	140	265			623	7356	209	45	11

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Name of person drawing Rations	No. Adults	No. Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. days	No. lbs Bacon	No. lbs Corn	Remarks
Manerva Walters	2	—	2	June 14.	30	8	5.6	White
Nancy Hammond	1	4	5	" "	"	8	5 6	"
Archy Fields	3	1	4	" "	"	24	1 6.8	Choctaw
Lotta Downing	2	2	4	" "	"	24	1 6.8	Cher.
W. P. Chambers +	7	4	11	" "	"	32	2 5 2	Chock.
Elizabeth Kirk	4	3	7	" "	"	48	3.3 6	White
W. W. Clay	2	2	4	" 15	"	16	1 1.2	"
Rebecca Hannah	4	3	7	" "	"	20	1 4 0	"
Agnes Baldridge	2	6	8	" "	"	20	1 4 0	Cher.
Jerry Foreman	2	2	4	" "	"	8	5.6	"
Moses Johnson	2	4	6	" "	"	8	5 6	"
Jane Lowther	1	4	5	" "	"	12	8.4	White
Nancy Old *	2	8	10	" "	"	18	1 2 6	Cher.
Nathan McAlister	9	19	28	" "	"	20	3 9.2	White
Nelly Kelly *	10	19	29	" "	"	64	4.4.8	Choctaw
J. B. Glenn	2	—	2	" "	"	16	1 1 2	White
J. J. Fletcher	2	3	5	" "	"	36	1 4 0	"
Nancy Pelit	3	4	7	" "	"	16	1 1 2	Cher.
Sarah Stansel	2	3	5	" "	"	16	1 1 2	"
Cyncinda Pearce	2	3	5	" "	"	16	1 1 2	White
Susan Barnes	2	2	4	" "	"	—	5.6	Cher.
Alice Barker	6	3	9	" "	"	—	5 6	"
Elizabeth Lethetter	2	—	2	" "	"	—	5.6	White
W. W. Oglesby	2	1	3	" "	"	16	5 6	"
Isaac Owens	2	1	3	" "	"	12	8.4	Chock.
Chas. Goss	2	4	6	" "	"	16	1 1 2	White
Martha J. Tidwell	4	3	7	" "	"	24	1 6.8	"
Chester M. Richards *	5	9	14	" 17	"	40	2.8.0	"
Lucy Batson "	7	4	11	" "	"	28	1 9.6	"
Mary Crawford	4	4	8	" "	"	24	1 6 8	"
John Pope *	5	—	5	" "	"	26	1.9.6	
	105	133	238			616	4606	144 14

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Name of person Drawing Rations		No. Adults	No. Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. days	No. lbs. Bacon	No. lbs. Flour	No. lbs. Corn	Remarks
Egan Williams		3	—	3	June 17	30	24	1 12	8.	white
John McCay	*	5	1	6	"	"	"	44	30 8.	"
Sarah Douglas	"	4	6	10	"	"	"	28	168.	"
Mrs. N. Blackmon		4	3	7	"	"	"	24	16 8.	"
Catharine Maupin		1	2	3	"	"	"	16	112.	"
Wm. Harris		2	7	9	"	"	"	20	140.	"
Wm. D. Bridges		3	2	5	"	"	"	24	16 8.	"
Robert Davis	*	3	9	12	"	"	"	40	280.	"
Wm. Smith		4	2	6	"	"	"	32	224.	"
Margaret Cranburn	*	4	2	6	"	"	"	20	140.	Cherokee
Sarah Colbert		3	3	6	"	"	"	16	112.	"
Ann E. Ward	*	4	3	7	"	18	"	36	252.	white
Sophia Barker		2	5	7	"	"	"	12	84.	Choctaw
Martha Durham	*	5	8	13	"	"	"	36	252.	white
Luthania A. Docier		4	—	4	"	"	"	16	112.	"
Berry Littrell		4	—	4	"	"	"	24	16 8.	"
Cynthia P. Hayes		4	5	9	"	"	"	20	140.	Cherokee
Rachel Edwards		1	1	2	"	"	"	12	84.	"
J. N. Riggs	*	7	7	14	"	"	"	44	308.	white
Wm. M. Clayton		4	4	8	"	"	"	16	112.	"
Micah Squirrel		3	1	4	"	"	"	12	84.	Cherokee
Wm. Wheeler		2	2	4	"	"	"	12	84.	white
Betsy Fulsom		2	2	4	"	"	"	12	84.	colored
J. L. A. Smith		3	3	6	"	"	"	16	112.	Cherokee
Abram Victor		1	—	1	"	"	"	8	56.	Chock.
Perry Beshears		4	6	10	"	19	"	28	196.	"
Wm Claggy		3	5	8	"	"	"	24	168.	white
Delia Starr	*	12	6	17	"	"	"	—	308.	Cherokee
Melvina Darnell	*	4	10	14	"	"	"	28	196.	Chocte.
Eliza Bailey		2	—	2	"	"	"	12	84.	white
Emma M. Tier		2	4	6	"	"	"	16	112.	"
		109	126	235		67	2492	1743	82	4

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Name of Person Drawing Rations	No Adults	No Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. days	No. lbs. Bacon	No. lbs. Corn	Remarks
John Dorman	2	2	4	June 19	30	12	8 4	white
Randolph Snow *	5	9	14	" "	"	48	33 6	"
Nancy Posey	1	3	4	" "	"	12	8 4	"
Azilla Sotters	1	3	4	" 20	"	12	8 4	"
James Wilson	2	7	9	" "	"	24	16 8	"
J. L. Ford	2	1	3	" "	"	16	12	"
Thos. Barnes	5	6	11	" "	"	40	28 0	"
Wm. J. McMasters *	9	8	17	" "	"	48	33 6	"
Boone Chambers	3	2	5	" "	"	24	16 8	Cher.
Mahala Suttrell	3	3	6	" "	"	20	14 0	white
Sarah Step	5	9	14	" 20	"	20	14 0	Cher.
Joseph L. Daugherty *	4	6	10	" 21	"	40	28 0	white
Geo. Rainn ~~Elk~~ *	13	16	29	" "	"	40	44 8	Cher.
Sinia Johnson *	8	8	16	" "	"	56	39 2	white
Adam Seabolt *	3	2	5	" 22	"	16	12	Chock.
Lila Lacy	2	4	6	" "	"	28	14 0	Cher.
Mahala Grist *	4	4	8	" "	"	24	28 0	white
Rachel Gann *	6	12	18	" "	"	40	28 0	"
Dan'l. R. Starr	2	4	6	" "	"	12	11 2	Cher.
Mary Reed	1	3	4	" "	"	10	7 0	white
Mary Coleman	3	2	5	" "	"	16	11 2	Colord
Liza Thompson *	3	3	6	" "	"	20	14 0	Cher.
Elizabeth Church	1	2	3	" "	"	12	8 4	white
Louisa Kinney	3	7	10	" "	"	20	14 0	Chock.
Tobitha Simpson	3	1	4	" "	"	16	11 2	Cher.
Narcissa Starr	5	6	11	" "	"	24	16 8	"
David Falkner	6	4	10	" "	"	—	11 2	"
Mary J. Evans	1	1	2	" "	"	12	8 4	white
Princ Reed	2	7	9	" "	"	16	12	Colord
Darkis Skallorn	1	7	8	" "	"	16	11 2	"
Harrison Dyer	2	—	2	" 24	"	16	12	white
	111	152	263			[illegible]	146 95	2

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Name of person Drawing Rations	No. Adults	No. Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. days	No. lbs. Bacon or Pork	No. lbs. Corn	Remarks
Rachel LaFlore	1	6	7	June 24	30	2 0	1 4 0	Colored
W. H. Edgar	2	4	6	" "	"	1 6	1 1 2	white
Turner Smith	2	3	5	" "	"	1 2	8 4	"
Elizabeth Barnard *	2	5	7	" "	"	2 0	1 4 0	"
John Parish	2	1	3	" "	"	1 6	1 1 2	Shock.
Martha Williams	2	1	3	" "	"	1 2	8 4	Cher.
Elizabeth Pardue	2	5	7	" 25	"	2 4	1 6 8	white
Adroline Mayers	3	3	6	" "	"	2 0	1 4 0	"
Peyson Victor	2	5	7	" "	"	2 0	1 4 0	Shock
Louis Sorrels	5	4	9	" "	"	2 4	1 6 8	white
Nancy Cormey	3	2	5	" "	"	2 4	1 6 8	Shock
Sara Sanders	2	2	4	" "	"	2 0	1 4 0	Cher.
Lizzie Chee Chee *	6	8	14	" "	"	2 8	1 9 6	"
Susan Miller	2	3	5	" "	"	1 2	8 4	"
Elijah Williams	1	2	3	" "	"	1 6	8 4	Colored
Elizabeth Taylor	4	5	9	" "	"	2 4	1 6 8	white
Judia Smith	3	7	10	" 26	"	2 8	1 9 6	"
Maria Pettit	9	1	10	" "	"	4 0	2 8 0	Cher.
Martin McEvoy *	17	13	30	" "	"	9 4	6 5 8	"
John C. Bates *	6	9	15	" "	"	4 2	2 9 4	white
Lidia Compton	2	—	2	" "	"	8	5 6	"
Sarah Lockhart	1	4	5	" "	"	1 2	8 4	"
Margaret Jones	1	2	3	" "	"	1 2	8 4	"
Theo. Padeiz	2	3	5	" "	"	1 2	8 4	"
Thompson D. Sexton *	5	9	14	" "	"	3 2	2 2 4	Shock
Jimmy Trammell	1	4	5	" 27	"	1 2	8 4	white
Hannah Saddler *	8	15	21	" "	"	5 6	3 9 2	"
Peter S. Akin *	4	1	5	" "	"	3 6	2 5 2	"
Nathan McAlister *	9	19	28	" "	"	6 2	6 2 6	"
Thos. Ragsdel *	4	1	5	" "	"	3 6	2 5 2	Colored
Silas Hockin *	11	1	12	" "	"	4 2	2 9 4	Shock
	124	146	271			832	598 8	150 | 105 | 15

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Caroline Robinson	5	4	9	June 27	30	2 8	1 9 6	white
Elizabeth Meeks	2	5	7	" "	"	1 6	1 1 2	"
Jane Johnson	1	2	3	" "	"	1 2	8 4	Cher.
Louisa Ferguson	1	3	4	" 28	"	1 2	8 4	white
Annie Ross *	8	15	23	" "	"	2 8	1 6 4	Cher.
Harvey Byrum *	26	23	49	" "	"	8 6	5 1 4	white
B. E. Snead *	17	26	43	" "	"	10 8	7 5 6	"
Aaron Johnson	2	1	3	" "	"	1 6	1 1 2	Shoreter
Jane Hicks *	4	8	12	" 29	"	7	4 5	white
~~Henry Walker~~ *	~~3~~	~~4~~	~~7~~	" "	"	~~2 2~~	~~1 4~~	"
Daniel Anderson *	20	12	32	" "	"	5 2	4 4 8	"
Elizabeth Ferguson *	12	17	29	" "	"	4 9	3 3 8	"
~~Malinda Wolfard~~	~~3~~	~~4~~	~~7~~	" "	"	~~1 1~~	~~8 4~~	~~Shock.~~
	104	124	228			414	288	192 | 36 | —

Total for month of June 1867 ..... 909 1114 2018 5752 4544 1257 \| 636 \| 123

July Issues, with fatal May and June issues brot forward 1867

Name of person Drawing Rations		No. Adults	No. Children	Aggregate	Date of Issue	No. Days	No. lbs. Pork or Bacon	No. lbs. Flour or Corn	Remarks
May Issues Brot ford		26	39	65	May		340	2159	
June " " "		914	1114	2018	June		5752	4541	
Atha Smith		1	2	3	July 2nd	30	16	....	Col.
Betsey Blackhawk		1	4	5	" "	"	12½	....	Cher.
Hiram Hosmer	*	6	11	17	" "	"	90¾	....	White
George Adair	—	8	12	20	" "	"	50	....	Cher.
Sally & Lucy	*	2	—	2	" "	"	12½	....	Chock.
George Gaw		3	4	7	" "	"	24	....	Cher.
Permelia A. Martin		3	8	11	" "	"	25	....	White
Randolph Vesser		7	12	19	" "	"	56	....	Cher.
Allen Ratliff		4	2	6	" "	"	18¾	....	"
Emily Chastian		12	19	31	" "	"	168	....	"
John Morrow		—	5	5	" "	"	18¾	....	White
Henry Blair		6	12	18	" 8	"	72	....	Col.
James Orr		4	3	7	" "	"	44	....	Cher.
Mary Groman		7	19	26	" "	"	99¾	....	White
Total		994	1266	2260			6800	4760	59/99/21
		64	113	177					16/41/7
									43/56/14

Isaac Taylor - Fayettville. - A rebel soldier -
Title not in Isaac Taylor, but willed by his Mother to
Isaac Taylor's Children who are Minors. The
property is Lots 5. 6. 14. 15. 16. 17 Blk 28 Fayettville
Arkansas is used by Taylor as his residence.
Clerk's certificate of title in the heirs of Isaac Taylor
Application forwarded Jan. 31st 66.

Jacob R. Cate, Fayettville - Title is in John Cate, deceased
Description 39 50/100 acres situated in town of Fayettville
occupied by Jacob R. Cate - Minor heirs & his widow
Application forwarded

James R. Pettigrew - Fayettville. Block 8 city of
Fayettville - Title not in Jas. R. but in his
Mother, Sarah Pettigrew - Homestead
Application forwarded

J. L. Dickson - Fayettville - Part of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec.
16. Township 16 North, Range 30 West.
Title in J. L. Dickson - Prop'y occupied by him
Application forwarded

James Stephenson - Fayettville - Part N.E. 1/4 of NE 1/4 of
Sec. 16, Township 16 North, Range 30 West,
4 acres city Fayettville Ark - Homestead
was never abandoned - Jas. Stephenson was
Asst. Surgeon U. S. A. at St. Louis.
Application forwarded

Henry Rieff - Fayettville - Town lot in Block 18. city
Fayettville - Homestead - Henry Rieff was in the army
occupied by claimant since close of the war.
Application forwarded

Sallie V. North - Fayettville - one house & lot in city of
Fayettville - Title in husband Geo. C. North who dies
Dec. 2 - 1862
Application forwarded

Thomas J. Stewart - Fayettville - Two lots in Block
2 town of Fayettville - Homestead.
Application forwarded

David Walker - Fayettville - Sec. 24. South 1/2 of
Sec. 25. North 1/2 of Sec. 26. and South 1/2 of Sec. 23. except
of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 23, and the NE 1/4 of Sec. 23, in
Township 15 North, Range 30 West, making in all
1760 acres: also SE 1/4 of Sec. 28. S 1/2 of NE 1/4
of Sec. 28 in Township 16 North, Range 29 West:
also, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 17 - Township 16 north,
Range 29 west: also, N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 29, & the
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 20: also other lands in Johnson
Co. Ark. was a Colonel reb. service, & President
of the reb. Convention in 1861

All the foregoing applications have
been returned to D. Stork, Esqr. Fayettville, Ark. -
per E. D. Ham, Esqr. - for correction, Oct. 2nd 1866.

W. D. Reagan. Fayettville - Block No. 6 town of Fayettville. Resi-
dence
Sept. 10th

Applications for Restoration of Property

Restored — Dr H. Pharmot, ... Van Buren. forwd Feb 3d 66

" Jno. Hinckle & Bros. A. " " "

" Lewis Graff A " " "

" Wm A. Porter Fort Smith " "

Peter A. Moses – Van Buren – Lots 3, 4, 5 in Blk 20 – Van Buren

John Brien, Ft. Smith, part of S E 1/4 of Sec. 7, Township 8 north, range 32 west – containing one half acre. Returned for completion Mar 3rd 1866

July 6th 1866 Forwarded to 2d Qrs. Asst Com. BR. F & Ark. Little Rock Ark

Restored July 11th & Duplicate Copy forwarded to John Brien

P. C. Lynch – Van Buren – ~~Lot 5 Blk 16~~ Lots No. 5 and 6 in Blk. 2 – Van Buren

P. C. Lynchs property consisting of lots 5 & 6 Blk 2 in [illegible] restored by order of Brig Genl Sprague May 4th 1866

June 2nd — J Marshal "Marshal House" Fayetteville Ark 16 ½ 308

relinquished to Jas H Sturman Springfield Mo.

per S.O No 51 Par. 3. Office Asst Comr

Copy of Order forwarded to Jas H Sturman June 8th/66

June 4th — John King for Ben. J. Duval Lot 2. block 49. Fort Smith Ark

makes Application in due form. Forwarded to Asst Comr.

per Capt Hall June 8th.

June 12th — Restored to Ben J Duval per S.O. No 55 par 1. dated Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark

June 12th 1866. Duplicate Copy of Order forwarded to John King Agt.

Applications for Restoration of Abd Lands

June 4th 66 — Mrs Mary Vernon applies for restoration of Property registered in the name of Thos Vernon as Lot 9 Block 5

June 8th 66 — Application forwarded June 8th 1866

July 8th 66 — Restored per S.O. No 57. Par 3 dated Hd Qrs Asst Comr. Little Rock Ark July 3d 1866

Duplicate Copy of Order furd to Mrs Mary Vernon

June 11th — O. C. Ford Applies for restoration of Lots 9, 10, 11, & 12 in Block No 22 city of Fort Smith

June 11th 66 — Forwarded to Brvt Maj. Genl J. W. Sprague Asst Comr R. F. & A. L. Ms. Ark, & Ind. Dep. Little Rock. Ark.

July 8th 1866 — Restored by S.O. No 57. par 4. dated Office Asst Comr Little Rock Ark July 3d 1866

No Duplicate rec'd, the Supt Ft S Freedmen furnished a certified copy to Mrs O.C. Ford.

June 11th 66 — Rebecca Darling deceased per J. R. Kennedy Administrator of the Est. Application for restoration of Lots 11 & 12 Block No 19 City of Fort Smith

" 11th 66 — Forwarded to Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark } Copy of Order furnished to J. R. Kennedy

July 5th 66 — Restored to J. R. Kennedy per S.O. No 57 dated Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark July 3d 66

June 13d — Spring Dr Nicholas applies for the restoration of the following property Lots 3, 4, 9 & 10.

" 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Block P taken up as Unknown

9, 10, 11, 12, Block 28 " " with property of Mr Vernon

June 13th — Forwarded to Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark

July 5th — Restored per S.O. No 57. Par 7. dated Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark July 3d 1866

Duplicate Copy of Order furd to Dr. N. Spring

June 11th — Rebecca Gookin per J. R. Kennedy Administrator of the Estate

Application for Restoration of Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, Block No 25

& registered in the name of J. R. McKinzie

June 13 — Forwarded to Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark.

July 5th 1866 — Restored per S.O. No 57 par 6 dated Hd Qrs Asst Comr Little Rock Ark July 3d 1866

Duplicate Copy of Order with two tax receipts forwarded to J. R. Kennedy

John F. Wheeler Administrator of the Estate of Jas. P. Spring based Applies for restoration of Lots No. 7 & 8. Block A. City of Fort Smith & Recorded in the Books of the Bureau as the property of an Unknown Owner.

July 6th 1866 Forwarded to 2d Qrs Asst Com. Little Rock Ark Restored per S.O. No 60. Par 7 Dated 2d Qrs Asst Com Little Rock Ark. July 11th 1866 Duplicate forwarded to John F Wheeler

June 29 1866 James R. Garver Attorney of Mrs Isabella Garver applies for restoration of Lots No 1, & 2. Block (46) Forty Six in City of Fort Smith. C

July 6th 1866. Forwarded to 2d Qrs Asst Com. Little Rock Ark Restored per S.O. No 60 Par 6. Dated 2d Qrs Asst Com Little Rock Ark July 11th 1866 Duplicate Copy forwarded to James F Garver

June 28 /66. Oliver Weldon. applies for restoration of Lots No 10. in Block 31 City of Fort Smith Recorded on the books of the Bureau as the property of Lewis Everhardt—

July 6th /66 Forwarded to 2d Qrs Asst Com. Little Rock Ark. Restored per S.O. No. 60. Par 4. Dated 2d Qrs Asst Com Little Rock Ark July 11th 1866. Duplicate Copy forwarded to Oliver Weldon

July 6th /66 Michael Mayers. applies for restoration of Lots 1, 2 & 8 Block "B." City of Fort Smith Ark.

July 6th /66 Forwarded to 2d Qrs Asst Com. Little Rock Ark. Restored per S.O. No 60. Par. 5 Dated 2d Qrs Asst Com Little Rock Ark July 11th 1866 Duplicate forwarded to Michael Meyers.

July 8th Estate registered as belonging to Myers & Brother Lot 9 Block 8 is restored to the lawful Owner Ellen J. Wharton by S.O. No 57 par 3 dated Office Asst. Comsr Bureau R. F. & Ad. Little Rock Ark July 3d 1866 No Duplicate of Order rec'd at this Office

Notified John King the agent of the receipt of the abov order

Restored per S.O. No 57 Dated 2d Qrs. Asst Com. Little Rock Ark July 11th 1866 Duplicate Copies forwarded to Myers & Brother

July 8th Restoration of the Estate of Louis Everhardt ~~applied for~~ by Michael Baer & Elizabeth Pape Administrators

Forwarded to Office Asst Comsr. at Little Rock, Ark. rec'd

Restored per S.O. No 57 Dated 2d Qrs. Asst Com Little Rock Ark July 13th 1866 Copy of Order forwarded to Michael Bear & Elizabeth Pape.

July 25 R. P. Perkins Forwards Application for Restoration of Lot No "6" Block "8" Situated in Van Buren Ark

July 25 Forwarded to Asst Com R F & A Little Rock Ark.

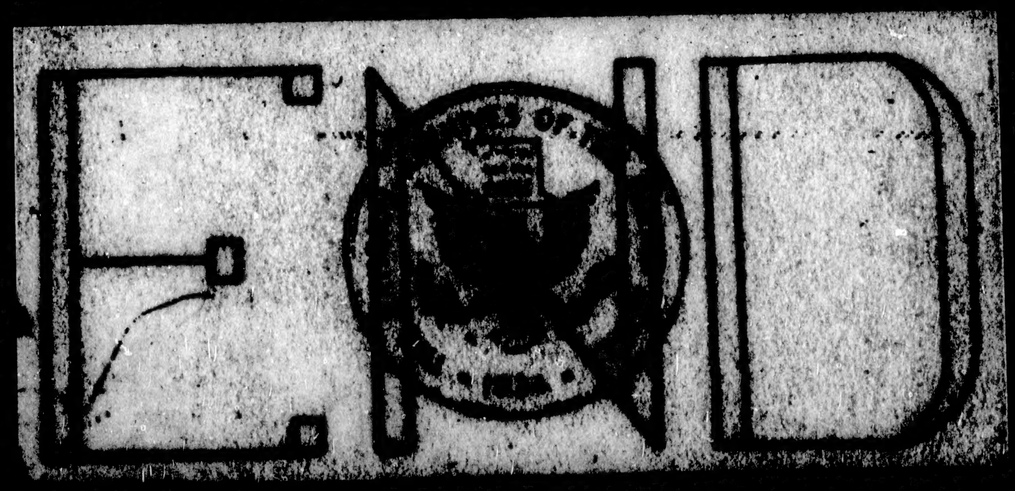
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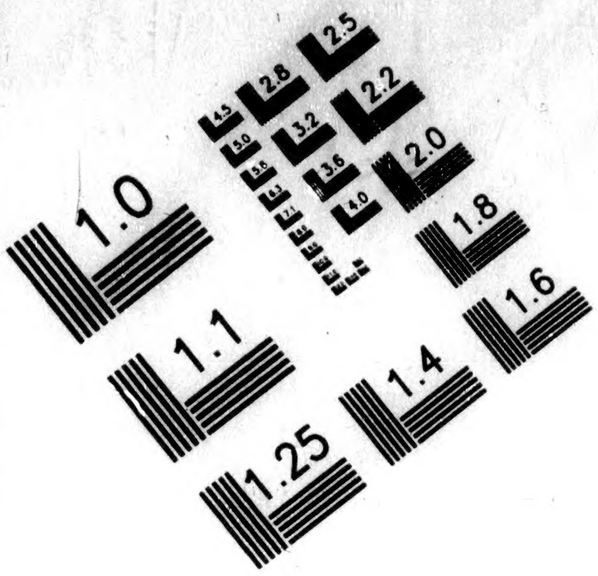
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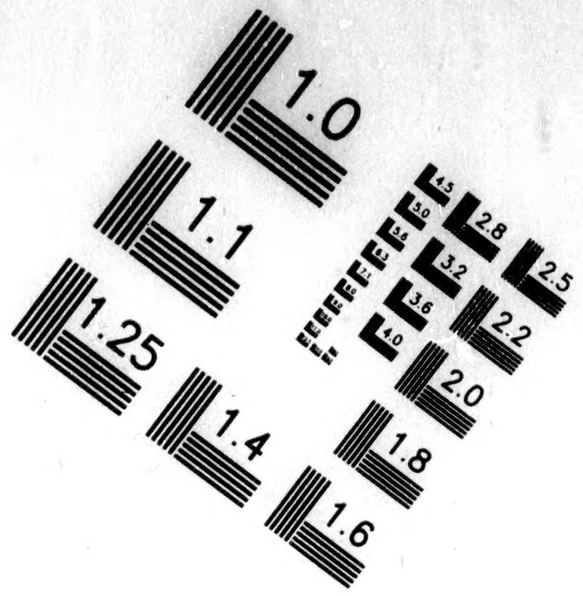
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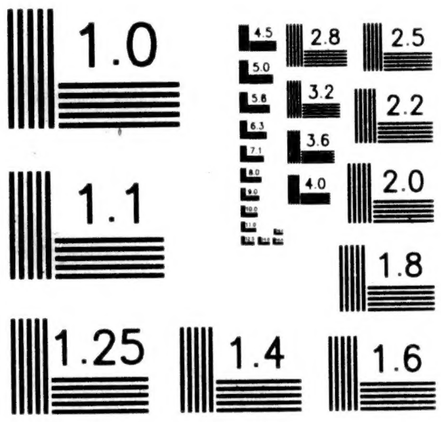


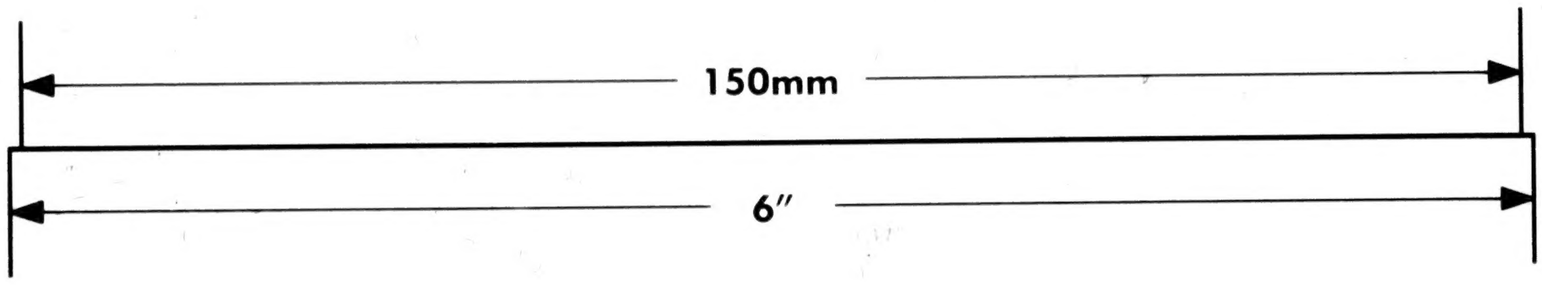
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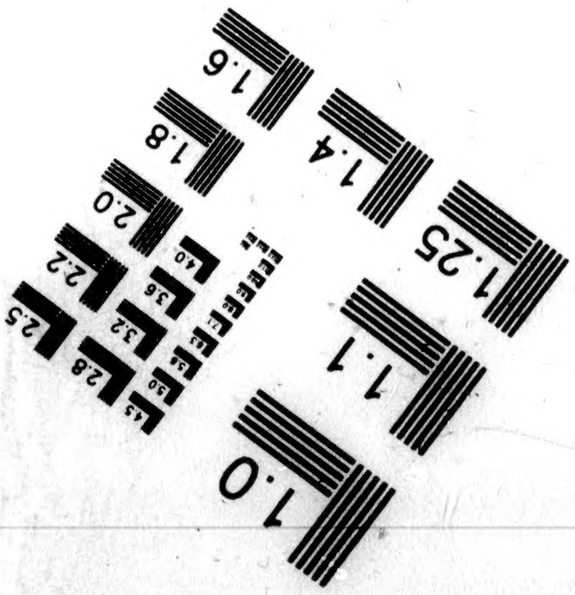
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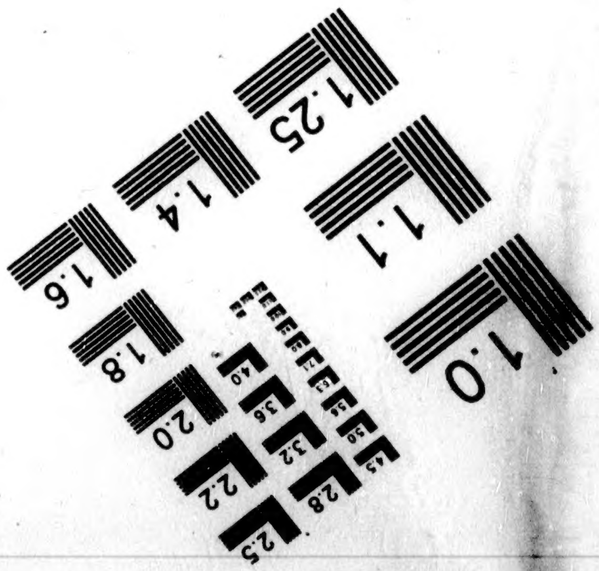






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